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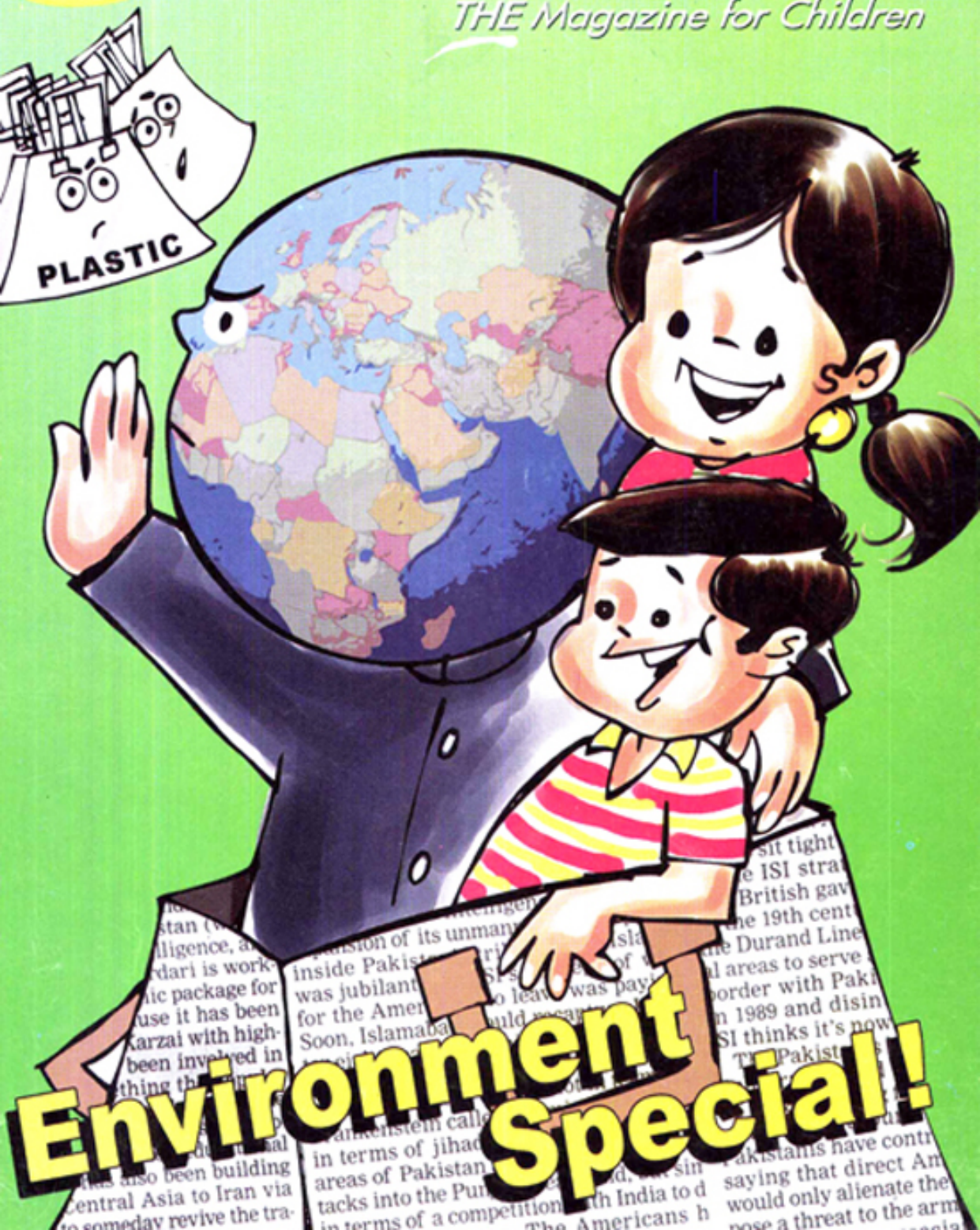

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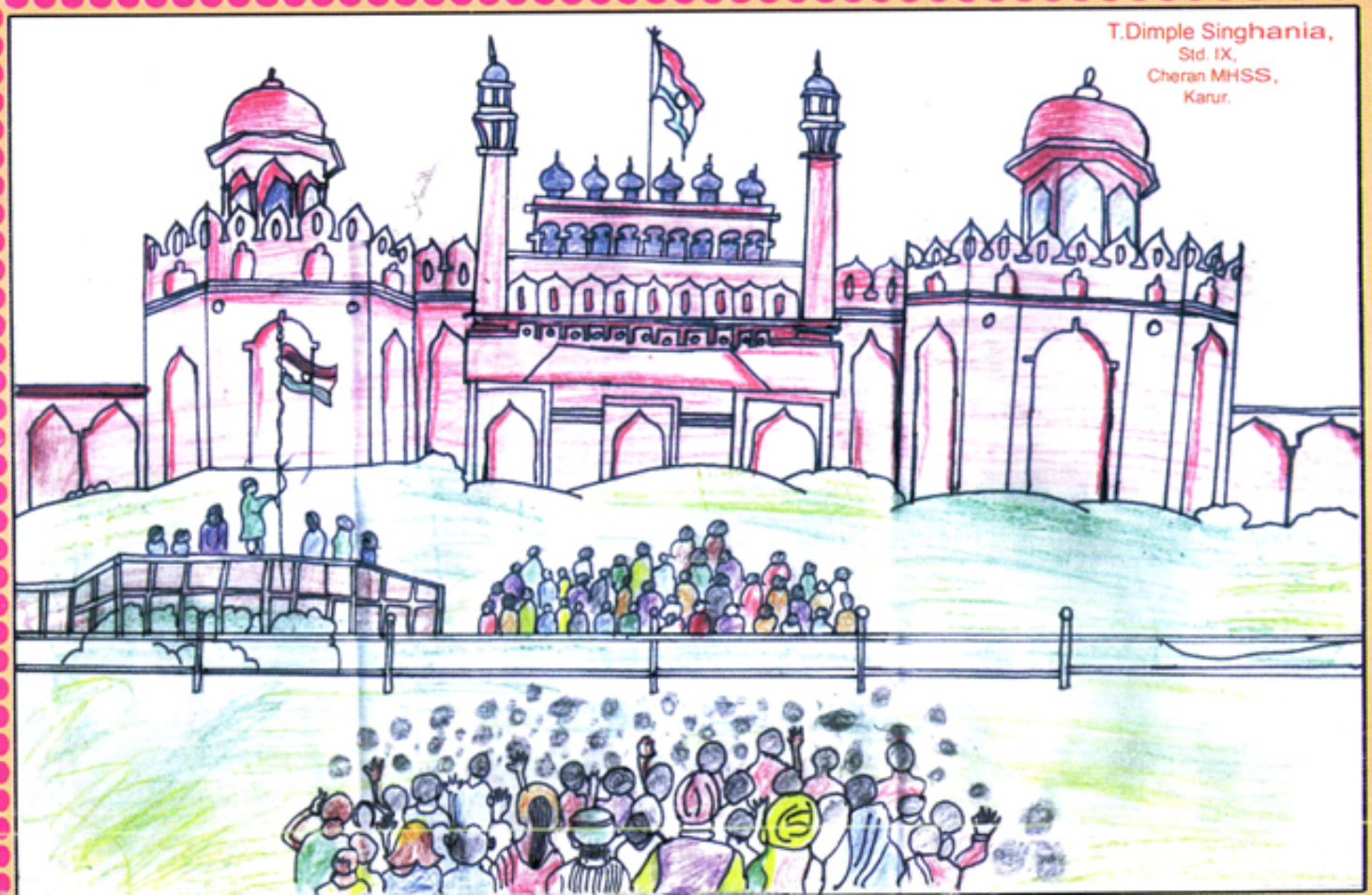

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Of all created things the loveliest.
And most divine are children.
-William Canton

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Dear Reader,

To begin with it was radio-active nuclear waste; then came plastics and now it is the turn of e-waste to pose a big problem to humanity. Though a lot of scientific experimentation is being done, no one has yet comeup with a definite, practical and affordable solution to any of the three problems.

At long last, Tamilnadu is planning to introduce an e-waste policy in January 2010. Though this is a much delayed attempt, it must be noted that Tamilnadu would be the first state in the whole country to adopt such a policy. Other states have not even thought of it!

A Monster known as E-WASTE

In 2009 alone, Chennai produced 21,200 tonnes of e-waste! These contain toxic substances like zinc, cadmium, mercury, lead and asbestos which can affect human beings, causing cancer or respiratory diseases, unless disposed off in a scientific manner.

Atomic power stations, innumerable plastic products and electronic goods are no doubt boons to society. But they can also turn out to be monsters if the waste they create is discarded recklessly. Worse, many developed countries dump their e-waste illegally in less developed countries with temptations of money.

No wonder London boasts of an e-waste monster statue, made up of discarded cell phones, T.V. sets and computers!

- Editor

NEW SERIAL STORY

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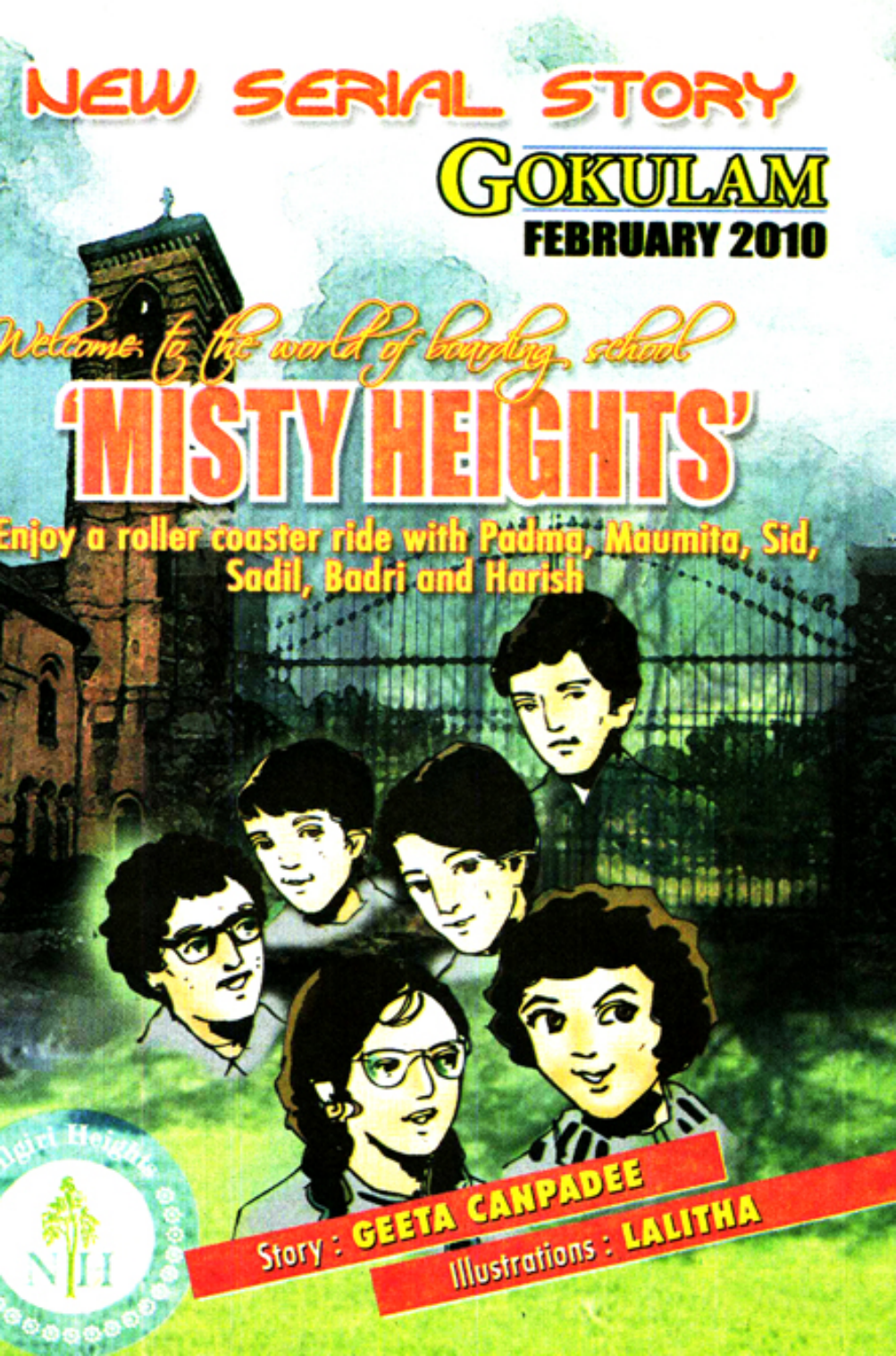
Welcome to the world of boarding school

'MISTY HEIGHTS'

Enjoy a roller coaster ride with Padma, Maumita, Sid, Sadil, Badri and Harish



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PLASTIC

INTRODUCTION

This threatening title itself mirrors the uncontrolled situation and terrifying impact of plastic on man, animal, nature and this world.

Man entered this world as a creation of Nature but has now not only become independent of it but has also conquered it. Technological progress has altered the ways and means of exchange of matter and energy in the biosphere. From the metal age we have stepped into the world of plastic and synthetic environment.

INVENTION OF 'PLASTIC'

Plastic is the common term for a wide range of synthetic materials used in the manufacture of industrial and household products. Plastics are typically polymers of high molecular mass and may contain other substances to improve performance and reduce costs. The word is derived from the Greek *plastikos* meaning fit for moulding. It refers to their malleability or plasticity during manufacture, that allows them to be cast and pressed into a variety of shapes—such as films, fibres, plates, tubes, bottles, boxes, and much more. Plastic was invented by Alexander Parkes in 1855 in England. After the First World War, improvements in chemical technology led to an explosion in new forms of plastics.

Today almost all houses all over the world are stuffed with plastic goods. Not just residential houses but hotels, hospitals, shops, schools and other public places too are filled with plastic items.

PLASTIC, PLASTIC.. EVERYWHERE

Cups, plates, carry bags, bottles

containers, disposable syringe, chairs, tables – these are just some of the plastic items which have become indispensable in today's world. Easy-to-carry, light weight, inexpensive and easy availability in attractive shapes and colours have enticed and trapped us into using them in all spheres of life.

Plastic is also extensively used in the packaging industry. Today, almost all food items, be it solid or liquid, are packed in plastic containers. No doubt they are easy to use and carry, but we seem to forget the chemical reaction of these on the food items and the side effects on our health.

People today are extremely obedient to the 'command' 'Use and throw'. Plastic cups, plates, glasses, forks, spoons and carry bags are strewn all over the place, especially in developing countries which do not have proper waste disposal method. Plastics may cause malaria. This sounds far fetched but just take a reality check. Plastic items thrown around get washed into drains, only to choke and block water flow! The dirty water stagnates and becomes breeding ground for pests and mosquitoes. This in turn causes various diseases.

ADVERSE EFFECT ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECO-SYSTEM

Disposal of plastic is a major issue faced by the governments today. Proper disposal of plastics products also contributes significantly to their environmental impact. Most plastics are non-degradable and take a long time to break down, possibly up to hundreds of years. No one is very sure about the actual time taken for their degradation as plastics haven't existed for long. With more and more plastics products, particularly packaging material being disposed off soon after their purchase, the landfill space required by them is enormous. In some places plastics are burned which give out toxic fumes, contaminating the whole environment.

REMEDIAL MEASURES

Man is transforming nature at an alarming rate. Air is contaminated and so are our water bottles. The soil is deprived of its nutrients. If this continues for some more years, our future would indeed be disease and conflict ridden. It is time we woke up to this alarming situation. We should create awareness among the people about the ill-effects of non recyclable and non bio-degradable materials. Let us not pollute the environment. Let us avoid plastics as far as possible. There are many organizations which arrange rallies and create awareness among the public about the ill effects of plastics. Let us support them and spread the message far and wide. Let us all unite together to clean up our earth and make it fresh and green once again.

- R.Chintha Poorni, Std.VIII
BVM School, Pollachi
Tamil Nadu

HOW TO BE ECO-FRIENDLY?

- Try and use re-usable products instead of disposables. This will reduce waste to a large extent.

- Recycle paper, plastic and glass. Gift your old toys, books and clothes to needy children instead of just throwing them away.

- Replace regular bulbs with energy efficient CFL bulbs. Switch off your AC and throw open the windows.

- Use public transport system for travelling longer distances. For short distances you could use your cycle or simply walk.

- Discuss with your parents about buying energy efficient home appliances.

- Plant a tree if you have the space. If you are living in a flat, you could grow indoor plants.

- And last but not the least, share all the above information with your friends, parents, relatives, class mates and neighbours. Being aware of the problem is the first step towards solving it.

- RPB

SPECIALLY for YOU!

The February, March and April issues of Gokulam are going to be more special than usual! The theme for the February issue will be Health, while the March and April issues will be Harry Potter Special and Travel-Tourism Special respectively. Do write in relevant contributions to the various columns and help make these a success. Remember to mark on the envelope the subject of your contribution...

Last dates for receipt of entries :

Health Special	January 10, 2010
Harry Potter Special	January 25, 2010
Travel and Tourism Special	February 15, 2010

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Dear Editor, I loved reading your editorial "Salutation to Sachin" in December 2009 issue. Sachin is a real master blaster, unstoppable and unbeatable. I rate him along with Don Bradman and no one can surpass him. I salute Sachin for being the best cricketer not only of India but the whole world. May God bless him with good health always. Keep it up Sachin!

- Krutarth Vinod Dixit, Std.VIII, R.H. Kapadia New High School, Ahmedabad

I like to read Gokulam and have been reading it since last year. I send many articles but only a few are published. Could you please let me know whether we will receive participation certificates for unpublished articles?

- Aashik Narayan.M, Std.VI, Jindal Vidya Mandir, Bellary

(*Dear Aashik, you will receive participation certificates and prize money only for those write-ups which are published in Gokulam. Just ensure that you send your full details and complete residential address in all the contributions. –Editor*)

Hi, I am a very big fan of Gokulam. I think it is the best magazine in the world. My vocabulary has also improved by reading it regularly. I thank the editorial team for providing such a wonderful magazine.

- Anusha Vaidya, Std.X, KV – Karwar, Karnataka

I am a regular reader of Gokulam and reading it has improved my English. I also love the posters and decorate my room with them. Thanks to 'Grandmaworm' for her instructions which are very useful to all of us.

- Reshma.K.S, Std.IX, JNVM, Thrissur

The Bes

Gokulam is an awesome magazine and provides us with a whole lot of information. The minute I get the magazine I start reading it and am unable to keep it down till I finish the whole book. Can you please publish a poster of 'Hannah Montana'?

- S.Supraja, Std.VI, Green Fields School, New Delhi

(*Dear Supraja, check the 'Vote for your Poster' page in this issue to find your favourite Hannah*

Montana's name as one of the choices. Canvas among your friends to get her on the poster! –Editor)

I have been reading Gokulam for the past three years. In addition to improving my language skills, it also helps me to make new friends. Wish you a very happy and successful New Year!

- Ashish Mohanty, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar

I am a regular reader of Gokulam and am very proud to say that you are my best friend. I gifted a copy of the November issue to my friend and she was very happy. We both love 'Billu' and 'Cook it Up!'

- B.Ramya, Std.VII, MWLS School, Mysore

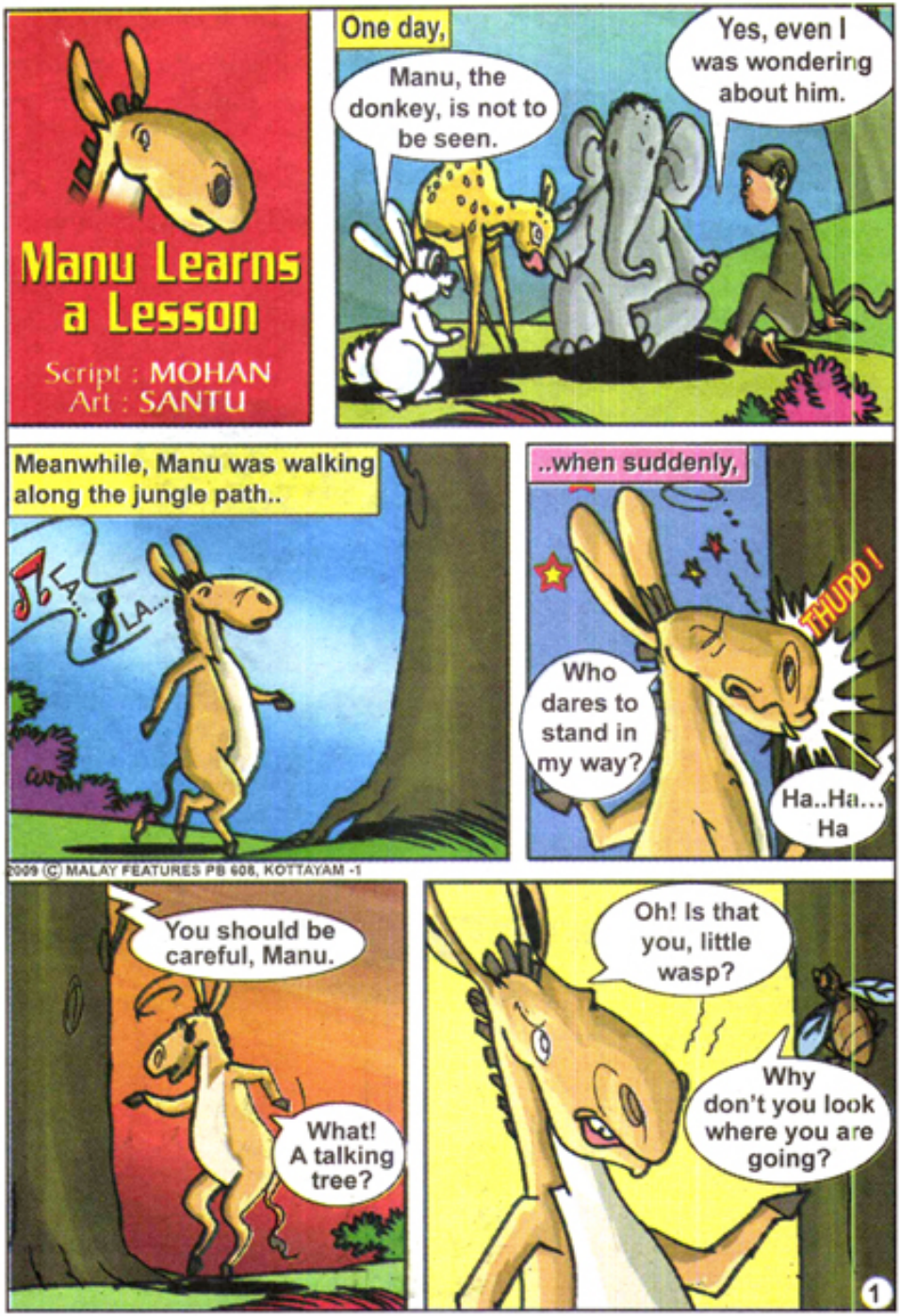
I have been reading Gokulam for the past seven months. It is a fantastic magazine and I like it very much. I love Grandmaworm, Billu, Effendi, Around the World and Ask the Doc.

- Sruthi Santhosh, Std.VI, KV Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram

I am a regular reader of Gokulam. Can we send articles for the Land Ahoy section without pictures?

- Keerthana.V, Std.VII, SBOA MHSS, Chennai

(Dear Keerthana, you may send articles unaccompanied by photos. The editorial team will co-ordinate with the artists and work on the pictures. –Editor)


Manu Learns a Lesson
Script : MOHAN
Art : SANTU
One day,
Manu, the donkey, is not to be seen.
Yes, even I was wondering about him.
Meanwhile, Manu was walking along the jungle path..
LA...
LA...
..when suddenly,
THUDD!
Who dares to stand in my way?
Ha..Ha... Ha
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You should be careful, Manu.
What! A talking tree?
Oh! Is that you, little wasp?
Why don't you look where you are going?
1

Soon Manu reached his friends.

What happened? You are late.

A stupid tree banged against me. I hurt my head badly.

I am going to teach him a lesson.

Don't be silly Manu. How can a tree bang against you? Calm down.

No, I will not rest till I give a fitting reply to that arrogant tree.

Stop it, Manu.

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You have to help me cut that tree.

What? Cut the tree? Are you mad? You cannot cut trees for such trivial reasons.

Let me know whether you will help me or not.

No, I will not bring down a tree unnecessarily.

Then I will ask somebody else to help me.
After some time..
Rhino, you are very strong. Will you help me cut a tree?
Definitely yes, I will help you my friend.
But not in cutting a tree. As it is our jungle has...
... shrunk a lot. Without trees there will be no rain and without rain, we will have no food or water. We will all perish.
Why don't we plant some trees instead?
I don't need your advice. I want to cut that tree.
Manu, listen to some sense.
Trees are a blessing.
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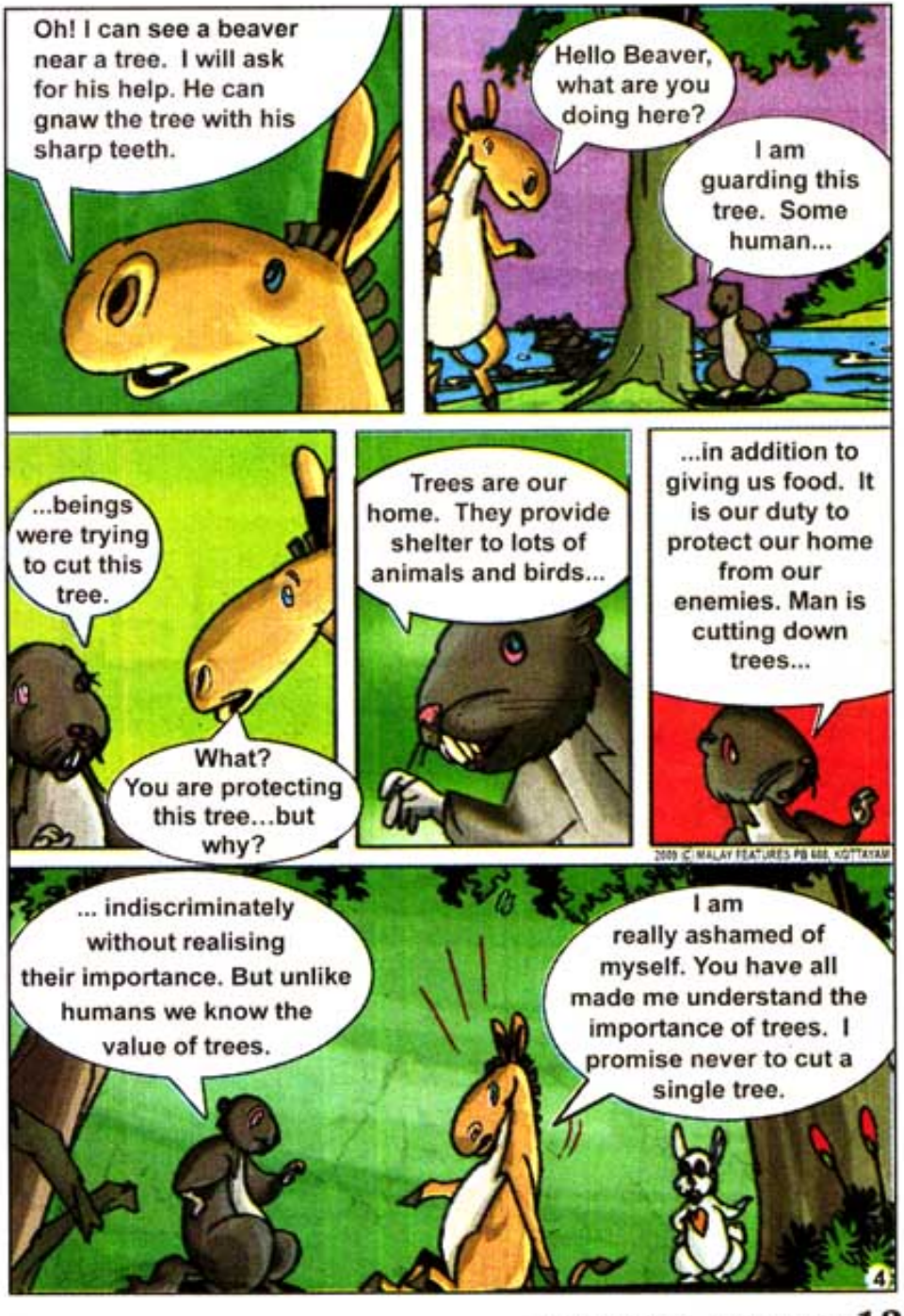
Oh! I can see a beaver near a tree. I will ask for his help. He can gnaw the tree with his sharp teeth.
Hello Beaver, what are you doing here?
I am guarding this tree. Some human...
...beings were trying to cut this tree.
What? You are protecting this tree...but why?
Trees are our home. They provide shelter to lots of animals and birds...
...in addition to giving us food. It is our duty to protect our home from our enemies. Man is cutting down trees...
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... indiscriminately without realising their importance. But unlike humans we know the value of trees.
I am really ashamed of myself. You have all made me understand the importance of trees. I promise never to cut a single tree.
4

should be happy. If it is the former, apologize to her and renew your friendship. If you have not written anything ill about her, she's probably jealous that you have caught the attention of so many students and staff of your school through your contribution to Gokulam. Give her a New Year Greeting card along with a rose and suggest a joint effort in writing another article for Gokulam. Keep smiling; all is not lost.

AFRAID TO SLEEP ALONE!

Dear Grandma,

I wrote an experience in Gokulam and received a prize from my school, in addition to the prize given by Gokulam. But my best friend Nikita is angry because I used her name in the piece published in Gokulam. What am I to do?

- Soundarya, Secunderabad

Dear Soundarya,

I am happy to note that an experience penned by you was accepted for publication in Gokulam. As for the anger of your best friend Nikita, it will be justified only if you had written something about her in a derogatory manner. Otherwise she

My sister is in the tenth standard. She is always tense and often angry with

me. What can I do to calm her?

- V.P. Aravind, Madurai

Dear Aravind,

I've found that students in the tenth or twelfth standard always get tense. This is related to the fact that they have to face public examinations and scoring good marks becomes very important for their future. So, you must understand your sister's problem and sympathize with her. I would suggest two 'dos' and three 'donts' for your consideration. Don't get hurt if she is angry with you now and then. Don't disturb her while she is studying. Finally, don't ignore her. Do tell her that you are impressed by her determination to do well in her exams. Do keep smiling and share a joke with her when she is a bit relaxed. Your sister will love you for your understanding.

★ ★ ★

I worked very hard for my monthly tests but I got only low marks. Students who put in less effort than me got good marks. I feel god is not on my side. What is your opinion?

- S.B. Balajee, Villupuram

Dear Balajee,

The sincere effort you put in is more important than the result. So don't lose courage and hope. There

is always a better next time. Many things can go wrong when writing an exam or when the teacher corrects the answer papers, resulting in lower than expected marks. Secondly, working hard alone does not ensure good marks. There should be proper planning and neat execution. Above all you must understand the subject and not just mug up. Try to get help from others if need be, to understand the lessons. God is always with us; but he would like us to succeed by our honest

efforts and not through miracles!

★★★

What does "Best before six months from the date of manufacture" mean? How can one use an item before it is produced?

- M.Swarna Lakshmi, Chennai

Dear Swarnalakshmi,

What the declaration means is that the shelf life of the product (mostly edible) is six months from the date of manufacture, after which it will become stale and unfit for consumption. Supposing the date of manufacture stamped on the product is 15th December 09, it must be purchased and used up before 15th June 2010. The key words in the declaration are 'before' and 'from' which should be related and understood properly. You have to calculate six months from the date of manufacture and use the product before the end of those six months. The wording in the declaration is correct, though I admit it is a little confusing on casual reading!

★★★

I am studying in eighth standard Though I am thirteen years old, I'm afraid to sleep alone. Please help!

- B.R. Snega, Srirangam

Dear Snega,

Some children are trained to sleep alone from infant stage. Other children are allowed to cuddle up with their parents and when the time comes for them to sleep alone they feel fear! If you don't like darkness, fix a night lamp with a zero watt bulb in your bedroom. It will not consume much electricity. Your room will be dimly lit. A table lamp by your bed side will help you to read your favourite author and divert your mind from the thought of being alone. When your eye lids become heavy with sleep, switch off the table lamp and bring the image of Lord Ranganatha before your closed eyes and chant the manthra "Om Namo Narayanaya". The presiding deity of your town will make all your fears vanish. Also exercise is important for sound sleep.

Love,
Grandmaworm

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How about trying out something new this New Year? Our readers share with us three easy to make, tasty recipes.

New Year

CARROT HALWA

Ingredients:

Grated carrot – 8 cups
Sugar – 2 cups
Milk – 6 cups

DOSA WRAP

Ingredients :

Dosa Batter (As required)
Mixed fruit jam – 1 cup
Orange marmalade – 1 cup
Mixed fruits (diced) – 100 gms
Butter – ½ tbsp
Powdered Sugar – ½ tbsp
Ghee – 1 small cup

Method :

Take some fruits like banana, apple, mango, papaya and grapes. Dice them and toss them well in melted butter and powdered sugar. Heat a non-stick pan and apply some ghee on it. Spread the batter on the pan in quick circular motion to make a dosa. Allow a minute and use a spatula to flip the dosa over. After it is cooked, remove it from the pan and spread a spoon of mixed fruit jam on it. Add a couple of spoons of the fruits pieces and roll the dosa. Serve hot with a dollop of orange marmalade on top of it.

- Amulya.A, Std.XI,
SKCH PU College,
Bengalooru

Ghee – 4 tbsp
Almond – 15 nos.
Cashew nut – 15 nos.

Method : Take a thick bottomed pan and add ghee. Now sauté the carrots in the ghee for a couple of minutes. Add the milk to it and let the carrot cook well. Let the stove be on low flame through the process. Keep stirring once in a while and when the carrot is cooked, add the sugar. Now allow the sugar to dissolve completely. Continue with the stirring till the mixture thickens to *halwa* consistency. Garnish the *halwa* with nuts and almond flakes fried in ghee. Your yummy carrot *halwa* can be served both hot and cold.

H.Aiswarya, Std. XI,
JGVV, Chennai

Recipes

CRUNCHY SALAD

Ingredients :
Fried Pappad – 3 nos.
Potato Chips – 1 Packet
Onion – 2 nos.
Tomato – 2 nos.
Carrot – 2 nos.
Pomegranate – ½ a fruit
Chat Masala – 1 tsp
Salt

Method : Chop the onions and tomato into small pieces. Peel and grate the carrots. Dislodge pomegranate pearls from their pods. Take a big bowl and add all the above ingredients. Now add the chat masala and salt and mix well. Break fried pappads into medium sized pieces. Now add these pappad pieces as well as the chips to the salad bowl. Garnish with coriander leaves. Your tasty evening snack is ready.

- Harini.S, Std.XI,
Shrishti MHSS, Vellore

Different

All the paintings in these two pages have been contributed by the students of Himayam Matriculation School located at Kulathoor, Chennai. The school imparts quality education and ensures that all the students attain their full potential in all spheres - studies, dance, music, art, craft, yoga and abacus. This school is also one of the largest subscribers of Gokulam and the teachers here feel that Gokulam helps to improve the reading, writing and communication skills of their students.

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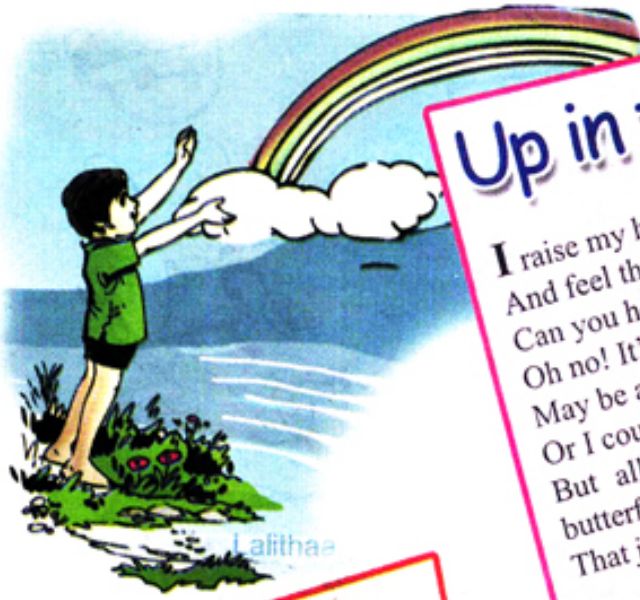


Up in the Sky

I raise my hand to touch the sky
And feel the rainbow,
Can you hold me in your arms?
Oh no! It's still high up.
May be a crane could lift me
Or I could fly high in a plane,
But all I can touch is the little
butterfly,
That just flew over my nose!

- B.Pragadeesh, Std.VII
SSV MHSS, Chen

Dear Tree

O.. tree! So big and strong,
You have lived for very long,
A hundred years or more I'm told,
Yet you are not very old.

Someday when I'm grown up, too,
I shall come back to visit you,
And changed though other
things will be,
I'll find you the same, dear
friendly tree.

- R.Nithya Shree,
Std.IV, G.Ramaswamy
Naidu MHSS, Coimbatore

Lalithaa

Beautiful Birds

Birds are so sweet,
We cheer when they tweet,
They are huge, small and tiny,
With feathers bright and shiny,
Sparrows, mynahs and bulbuls,
Peacocks, eagles and pigeons,
But alas! We kill them for
no reason,
And they become extinct
every season!

- Niyatee Shah, Std.IV,
SN Kansagara,
Rajkot

Bluebells

They sway so gently
In the summer breeze,
Whispering delicately
Beneath the trees.

So blue they seem
Against the bright green,
It looks like a scene
Out of a beautiful dream.

They seem so enchanting
So calm, so soothing,
They make my day
And I wish they'd
forever stay.

- P.Sharon Pothigai,
Std.IX, Mahatma MHSS,
Madurai

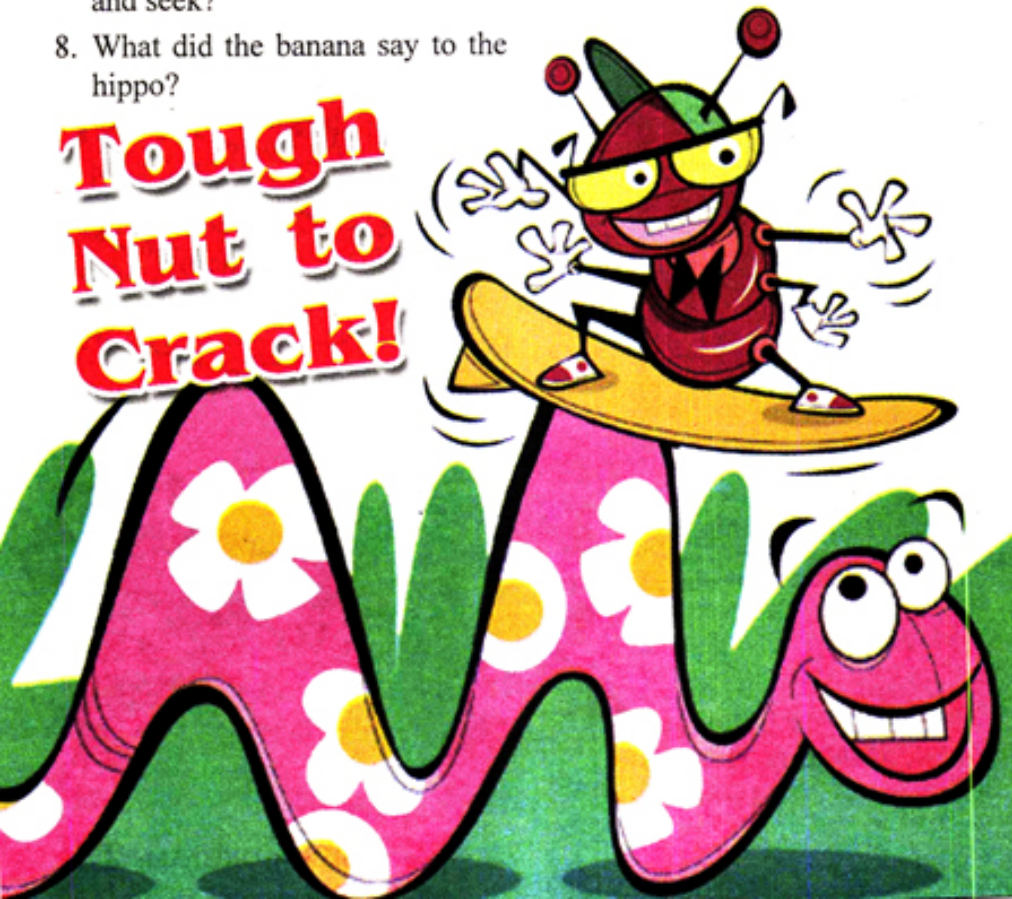
Riddles

1. What do elves and pixie students do at home?
2. How do trees access the internet?
3. Where do cows watch films?
4. What is a frog's favourite snack?
5. Where do fish sleep?
6. Why did the teacher wear sun glasses in the classroom?
7. Why don't dalmatians play hide and seek?
8. What did the banana say to the hippo?
9. On which side of the mug would you find the handle?
10. Why do campers tread softly during night?

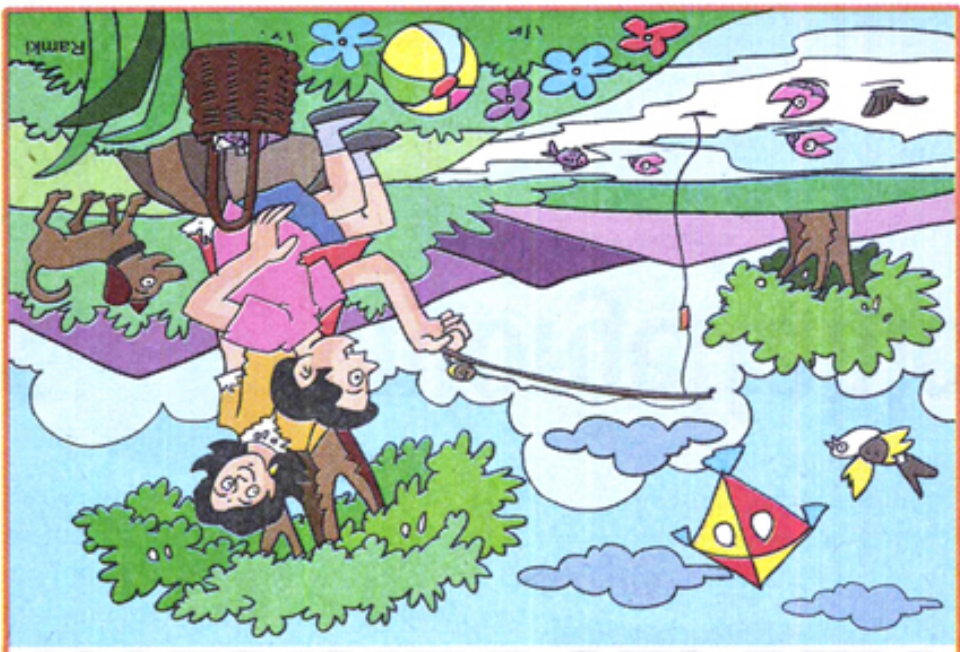
Compiled by : **A.Pavithraa Devi, Std.IX, Auxilium Girls HSS, Thanjavur**

Answers : 1. Gnome work 2. They log on! 3. In the Moovie theatre 4. French Flies 5. In the water bed 6. Her students were very bright 7. Because they are spotted 8. Nothing…bananas can't talk! 9. Outside 10. They don't want to wake up their sleeping bags!

Tough Nut to Crack!



Answers: 1.Fish 2. Kite 3. Flower 4. Shirt 5. Cloud



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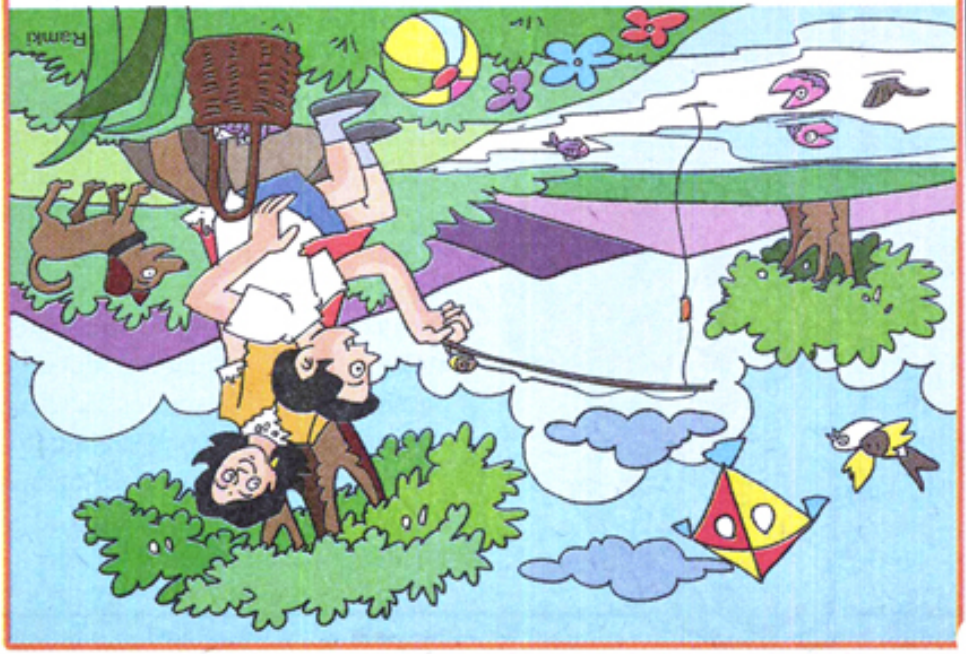


During our summer holidays, I went with my family to our native village in Orissa. One evening when I was playing cricket with my brother, a strong wind started blowing suddenly. We ran inside our house but the power went off and soon it started raining heavily. We went out to the verandah to enjoy the rains when to my surprise I discovered that it was a hail storm. Small stones of ice were falling. We had never seen a hailstorm before and we ran out into the open to collect the stones. It looked as if heaven was showering petals on earth. The rain stopped after a couple of hours and there was water all around the house. My brother and I made paper boats and played in the small streams of water formed by the rain. It was really an 'unforgettable hail day'!

- Lilabati Mohanta, Std.X,
St.Francis Sr.Sec. School,
Chhattisgarh

Unforgettable

INSPIRING SPEECH

The 11th of August 2009 is indeed a memorable day in my life. I had participated in the essay writing competition conducted by the Indira Gandhi Renewable Energy

Organization. After finishing the competition I attended a book festival organized by our district collector. And to my surprise I found that our former president Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam was presiding over as the chief guest.

Hail Day!

He gave a speech on the importance of reading good books and talked about his favourite books. He also stated that knowledge could be acquired by creativity and strength of mind. Finally he advised us to face our future fearlessly. His speech was very inspiring and filled me with positive energy. Indeed, I will remember this day forever.

- S.Nagarajan, Std.XI,
Govt.Boys. HSS, Erode

THE LOST STREAM

I was very happy when my father announced that we would be going to our farm house. I was going to visit the place after a number of years and was really thrilled. I remembered my last visit when I took bath and played happily in a stream behind our farm house. As soon as we reached our destination I ran with my sister to take a dip in the stream. But I was shocked when I saw the state of my beautiful stream. The water had

almost dried up and what was left of it was dark gray in colour, filled with dirt and chemicals. The whole place was littered with polythene bags and plastic bottles. I realised that it was not possible for us to step into the stream let alone take a bath. I returned to my farm house sadly, thinking about how humans have spoilt this beautiful earth.

- Susmita Banra, Std.VIII,
DAV Public School, Jamshedpur

FRANKLIN, THE TURTLE!

I had gone to the weekly market with my father when I noticed a vendor selling fish and turtles. I was attracted by a small baby turtle and asked my father to buy me one. To my joy, he agreed immediately and I went home carrying my new pet. I named him Franklin, after the famous cartoon character, and showed him off proudly to my friends. I kept him inside a pot filled with water and pebbles, in the backyard of our house. He was a very friendly turtle and I enjoyed playing with him. One day, as usual I put my hand inside the pot to lift him when he suddenly caught my middle finger between his teeth. I screamed in pain and pulled my hand out but to my shock Franklin came along clinging to my finger. My finger started bleeding profusely and though I tried my best I could not shake him off. Hearing my screams my mother came out and shook my hand vigorously and finally Franklin let go of my finger. She took me to the doctor who dressed my wound and gave me some medicines. After this my parents took Franklin to a nearby pond and left him there. I was really sorry that I lost my first pet.

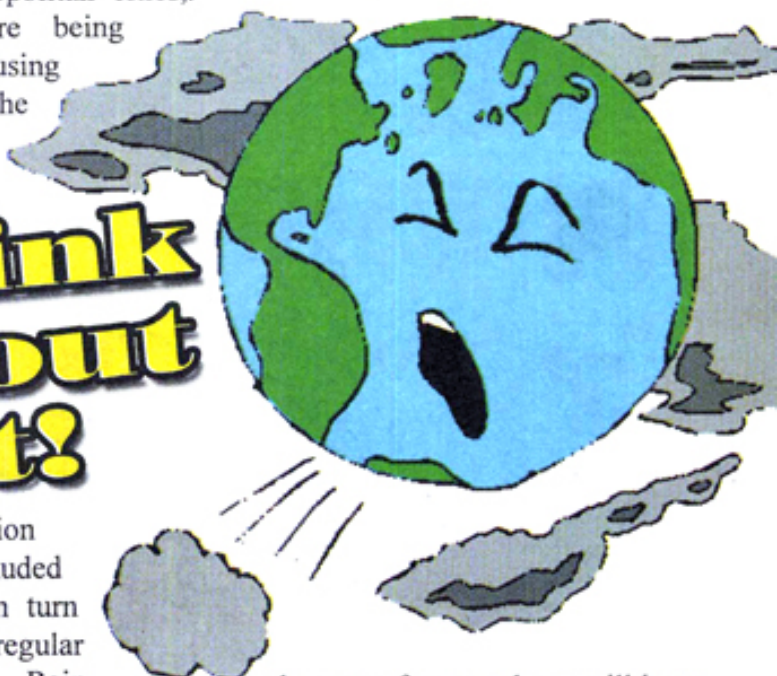
- Deeba.Z.Lari, Std.X,
MB Convent High School,
Nagpur

Think about It!

Greenhouse gases are gases in the atmosphere that absorb and emit radiation. Since industrialization, the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has increased. With ever increasing population, human as well as vehicular, the earth's fossil fuels are being depleted at an alarming rate. And large tracts of forests are destroyed to make furniture and paper. To accommodate the increasing influx of human beings into metropolitan cities,. water bodies are being converted into housing plots all over the world.

Because of acute deforestation mountains are denuded of trees which in turn affect the regular monsoon rains. Rain forests are being destroyed indiscriminately. Also, the animals and birds in these forests are fast becoming extinct and this will adversely affect the ecological balance. Genetically modified vegetables and grains have flooded the market which can have an adverse effect on the health of the consumers. To increase yield in the fields synthetic and artificial manures are used.

Mother earth is being constantly abused by mankind and unless we take care of our earth we will leave a barren and sick planet for our future generation.



- V. Mahadevan, Std.XII,
P.S. Sr. Sec. School, Chennai

Name : **Barbie Nabum**
Age : 14
Address : V.K.V.N.Vihar, East Kameng District, Seijosa, Arunachal Pradesh
Hobbies : Listening to music, playing badminton, reading novels, dancing and collecting coins.

Name : **P.Nandhashri**
Age : 9
Address : Door no.2/619, Rajiv Nagar, Belthur Post, Bagalur, Hosur, Malur Main Road
Hobbies: Dancing, cycling, skipping and collecting cartoons.

Hobbies : Reading books, writing articles, cycling and making friends.

Name : **S.Gokul**
Age : 13
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Hobbies : Reading story books, playing computer games, watching TV.

Name : **Lakshmi Ajaykumar**
Age : 15
Address : A/306, Trans Residency – 3, Subhash Nagar,

Make a New

Name : **S.Manvizhi**
Age : 7
Address : 18E, Kamrajar Nagar, Tirupattur
Hobbies : Drawing and painting, making craft items, reading story books.

Name : **Rushab. R. Bhandari**
Age : 17
Address : Behind Rotary Primary School, Railway Station Road, Ranebennur, Haveri district, Karnataka - 581115

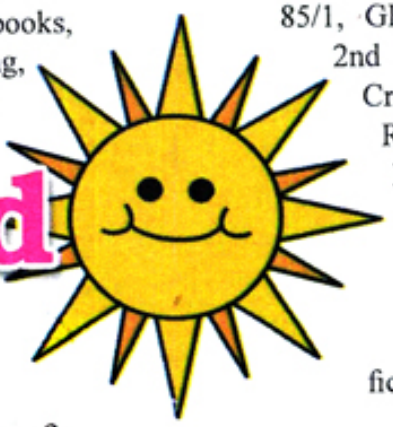
MIDC Road No.23, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400093

Hobbies : Reading books, watching TV, surfing the net, drawing, dancing, singing, writing stories and poems.

Name : **M.Sachin**
Age : 10
Address : F3, Ponni Apartment, Old No.20, New No.57, Bala Krishnan Street Extension, West Mambalam, Chennai -33

Hobbies : Reading books, playing drums, painting, drawing and watching TV.

Friend



Name : **K.Sreevidya**
Age : 14
Address : Niva Park Phase – 2, MIG D-11, Brahmapur Badamtala, Kolkata - 700096

Hobbies : Listening to music, drawing and painting, browsing the net, reading books and going out with friends.

Name : **Anupya Choudary**
Age : 11
Address : Flat no.406, Sai Siri Sampada, Leela Nagar, D.K.Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad

Hobbies : Surfing the net, collecting Harry Potter posters, painting, watching Disney Channel and tennis matches on TV.

Name : **Amy Patel**
Age : 16
Address : Sujatha Enclave, 85/1, GF Flat No.001, 2nd 'A' Main, 33rd Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengalooru - 10

Hobbies: Reading magazines and books (non-fiction), watching horror movies, shopping, dancing, listening to bollywood and international music.

Name : **Nani Byai**
Age : 15
Address : Sainik School Imphal, Pangie Road, Manipur - 795 001.

Hobbies : Playing foot ball and snooker, listening to music.

Cyclothon!

True Spirit of Cycling

Flashing cameras, jostling reporters, blaring live music performances, bubbly and peppy VJs....this was the atmosphere at the flag-off line for the **BSA-Hercules Cyclothon, Bengalooru 2009.** The cyclothon was the first of its kind in India and was organized by TI cycles of India.

The registration for the event was done online. An expo was held at the Koramangala indoor stadium where we were supposed to drop off our cycles and collect our ride numbers and merchandise bags. We were informed that the cycles would be transported for us to the event venue, the Tumkur stretch of the NICE road, and also brought back to the stadium the day after the event.

Two days later was race-day! I was supposed to report at the Malleshwaram 18th cross bus stand by 6:00 AM. A shuttle service was organized for the participants at various parts of the city which would ferry them to the event site and also back to the boarding point. So I boarded the Volvo enthusiastically and we reached the venue soon. I tried to control the butterflies in my stomach when it actually dawned on me that I was participating in the cyclothon. The extremely friendly event personnel lead us to the entertainment area where lead bollywood singers like Sonu Nigam, Raghu Dixit and Kailash Kher were scheduled to perform and entertain the participants and audience. After this enthralling concert we were asked to collect our cycles from the designated area and practice for a while before the actual 'event' began.

And when I went to collect my cycle I was shocked at the huge

Unleashed in Bengalooru!

number of cycles there! I had never seen so many of them standing next to next anywhere else. I learnt afterwards that the number was nearly seven thousand!! But the authorities were handling the event smoothly. I collected my cycle and rode around the marked practice area until the start of my race. There were seven types of race – Elite ride, Amateur ride, Teen ride, Fun ride, Green ride, Corporate Team ride and the 10k ride. Participants could sign up for any event based on their skill sets and interest. I was participating in the 'Teen ride' event. Soon the loudspeaker called out for all the participants of the 'Teen ride' to assemble at the flag-off line.

There were 5 seconds left…"5... 4... 3... 2... 1… GO!!" screamed the anchor at the top of his voice. The ride had begun! At first I rode at a comfortable pace since the downward slope led directly to the NICE road. The road was landscaped on either side with lovely manicured lawns and flower-beds. Uunder normal circumstances I would have taken time out to enjoy one of India's best highways. But I was taking part in the biggest ever cycling event in India and had to concentrate if I had to finish the race and clock a decent timing. I pedalled as fast and as hard as I could and finally reached the winning point where I was warmly greeted with applause, wide grins and praise. I was dumbstruck at the reception and wondered the reason for the same, when a reporter from CNBC came up to me with some dangerous looking equipment and poked a

microphone terribly close to my mouth. After putting on his best expression he asked with a grin, "How do you feel about completing the Teen ride at a comparatively good 7th position?" I don't remember what I actually said but I think it was something normal like, "I'm extremely happy," or one of those clichéd answers.

Finally it was time to board the bus back into the city after finishing a few formalities with the authorities like collecting my prize and authorized signature for my position proof. I felt very happy that I had participated in India's biggest and first ever 'Cyclothon' and secured the 7th position out of 221 partcipants (only in the 'teen' category). And I also felt proud of myself because I had done everything from the registration to reaching home after the event, on my own... Independently! Three cheers to Cycling.... Hip, Hip, Hurrah!!!

- Surya Harikrishnan,
Std. VIII, S.H.S.,
Bengalooru

About the Sport

Cycling, also known as biking has been used as a mode of transport as well as for recreational purposes for nearly three centuries. There are about a billion cycle users throughout the world today. There are many cycling clubs throughout the world which conduct competitions for amateurs as well as professionals. *Tour de France* is the number one cycling event in the world where professionals from all over the world compete to cover a huge distance of 3,500 kms within a period of three weeks. Cyclotourism involves touring and exploration or sightseeing by bicycle for leisure.

Cycling offers a whole range of benefits including reduced pollution, low cost, less traffic congestion, easy parking, in addition to being a very good form of exercise. There are many types of bicycles including utility cycles, racing bikes, mountain bikes and recreational cycles. The cost of a cycle may range from a thousand rupees to upwards of a lakh depending on the material used and facilities offered in the bike.

- R.P.B.

VOTE FOR YOUR POSTER - 7

Dear Children, it is cartoon time once again! Yes, it is our dear Donald Duck who has garnered the maximum number of votes closely followed by our sprint queen P.T.Usha. Wearing a sailor shirt, cap and a red bow tie, Donald's most famous personality trait is his explosive temper. His voice is the most identifiable amongst innumerable cartoon characters filling up the television channels today. He has also been officially honoured as the third most popular cartoon character of all time in the world!!

Listed below are 5 names of readers who gave the best reasons for voting for Donald Duck : **1) R.Kirthika, Std.VII, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Port Blair. 2) P.Nellai Kumar, Std.VIII, National Model MHSS, Coimbatore. 3) R.Sai Venkatesh, Std.VII, Oxford Sr. Sec.School, Bengalooru. 4) M.Koushik, Std. IX, Kamlavati Hr. Sec.School, Tuticorin. 5) Prakash Ravichandran, Std.VII, DAV Public School, Navi Mumbai**

Now vote for your April issue poster!

- *Five entries that detail the best reasons will get a reward of Rs* ***50/-*** *each.*
- *Last date for receipt of entries:* ***25.1.2010.***
- *Editor's decision is final.*

My vote goes to – Leander Paes ☐ Hannah Montana ☐ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam ☐ Barbie ☐

Because.....

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* Local address is a must for overseas entries.

The Editor, Gokulam, Kalki Buildings,
47-NP, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ekkaduthangal, Chennai - 600 032.

Disney

I went to Tokyo last week and had a good time at Tokyo Disney Sea. My birthday was on the 25th of October and my parents decided to take me to the Tokyo Disney World as my birthday gift. Tokyo has both Disneyland and Disney Sea, located next to each other. Since I had already visited the Hong Kong Disneyland, we chose to go to Disney Sea.

We went to Maihama station to enter the Disney World and took a monorail to Disney Sea. The monorail is auto driven, that is, a train without a driver. We had real fun on the train as we could see all the Disney resorts on our way. All those hotel resorts looked like palaces often seen in Disney movies.

Once inside the amusement park we decided to experience a trip in all the rides. Sadly as it was a Sunday there was a long queue at each ride. On the happy side, the more crowded it was, the more fun the experience was. Disney Sea is divided into seven areas: American Waterfront, Port Discovery, Lost River Delta, Mysterious Island, Mediterranean Harbour, Mermaid Lagoon and Arabian Coast. Each area had rides, live entertainments, restaurants and shops selling various knick-knacks. We went on one ride in each area.

American Waterfront had the Electric Railway and the Steamer Line on which visitors could go around the whole park in 10 to 15 minutes. Even one whole day is not enough to cover this huge park on foot! Port Discovery had an interesting ride called Stormrider which I liked the most. In it we encountered a big storm. We were in a storm blaster which resembled a plane and many of us sat together in the seats provided inside. Then we are taken to the eye of the storm and were asked to diffuse it. We accomplished the mission and the whole event was a really wonderful experience. Next we took the Aquatopia where we sat on a watercraft and had some wild, spinning and twirling rides through a maze of fountains, rock formations and whirlpools.

Lost River Delta had 'Indiana Jones - Adventure and Raging Spirits' which were huge roller coasters. Arabian Coast had Sindbad's Storybook Voyage and Magic Lamp Theatre. Both were a real feast to the eyes with their bright, colourful themes. The Mysterious World was completely different from the rest and had the rides, 'A Journey to the Centre of the Earth' and '20,000 Leagues under the Sea'. Mermaid Lagoon was the place for very small children who could enjoy different types of rides under a beautifully decorated roof called Triton Kingdom. The live musical production "Under the Sea" featured *Ariel* from Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'.

While going around the park we also saw a wonderful water parade. All Disney characters came alive and were dancing and singing. In fact, there was live entertainment all around the park.

All together the Tokyo Disney Sea is a must visit place in Japan, especially for children. It was a truly enjoyable birthday for me in the company of my parents and brother.

- Gayathri Sivakumar, Grade 7, YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College

Natural disasters will become a commonplace in many parts of the world.

ANOTHER

Global warming is likely to lead to large scale food and water shortages all over the world, having a devastating effect on wildlife.

Sea levels are likely to rise between 7 and 23 inches by the end of the century. Many vulnerable coastal locations which are very densely populated are in great danger!

Over a million species of animals will face extinction due to disappearing habitats, changing ecosystems, and acidifying oceans.

The ocean conveyor belt could be permanently altered causing an ice age in Western Europe.

- H.Aiswarya, Std.XI, Jaigopal Garodia Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chennai

S.Z.Qasim was the

first Indian to lead an expedition to Antartica.

The first woman to reach the North Pole was Ann Bancroft. She travelled the whole distance by foot and on sledge.

- Athipan Anbumani, Std.V, Kalaimagal Kalvi Nilayam, Erode

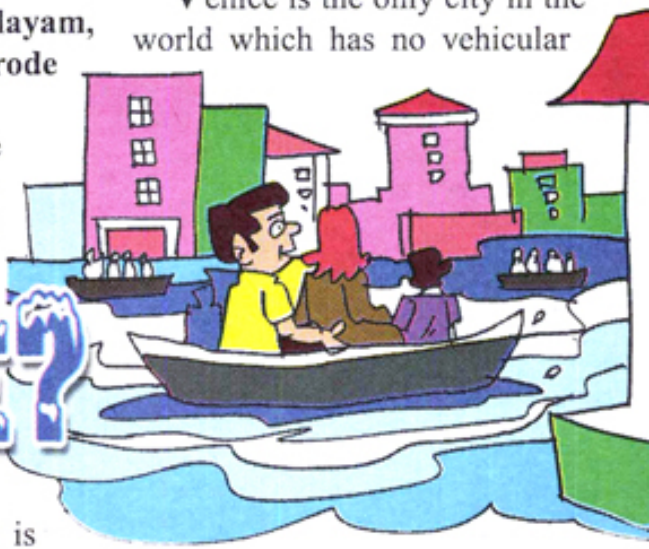
Finland is called the 'Land of Lakes'. There are more than 60,000 lakes in this country.

Rotterdam in Holland is the largest port in Europe. It handles about 280 million tonnes of cargo every year.

- R.Harini, Std.VI, Sri Vani Education Centre, Bengalooru

Venice is the only city in the world which has no vehicular traffic. People use *gondolas* and water buses.

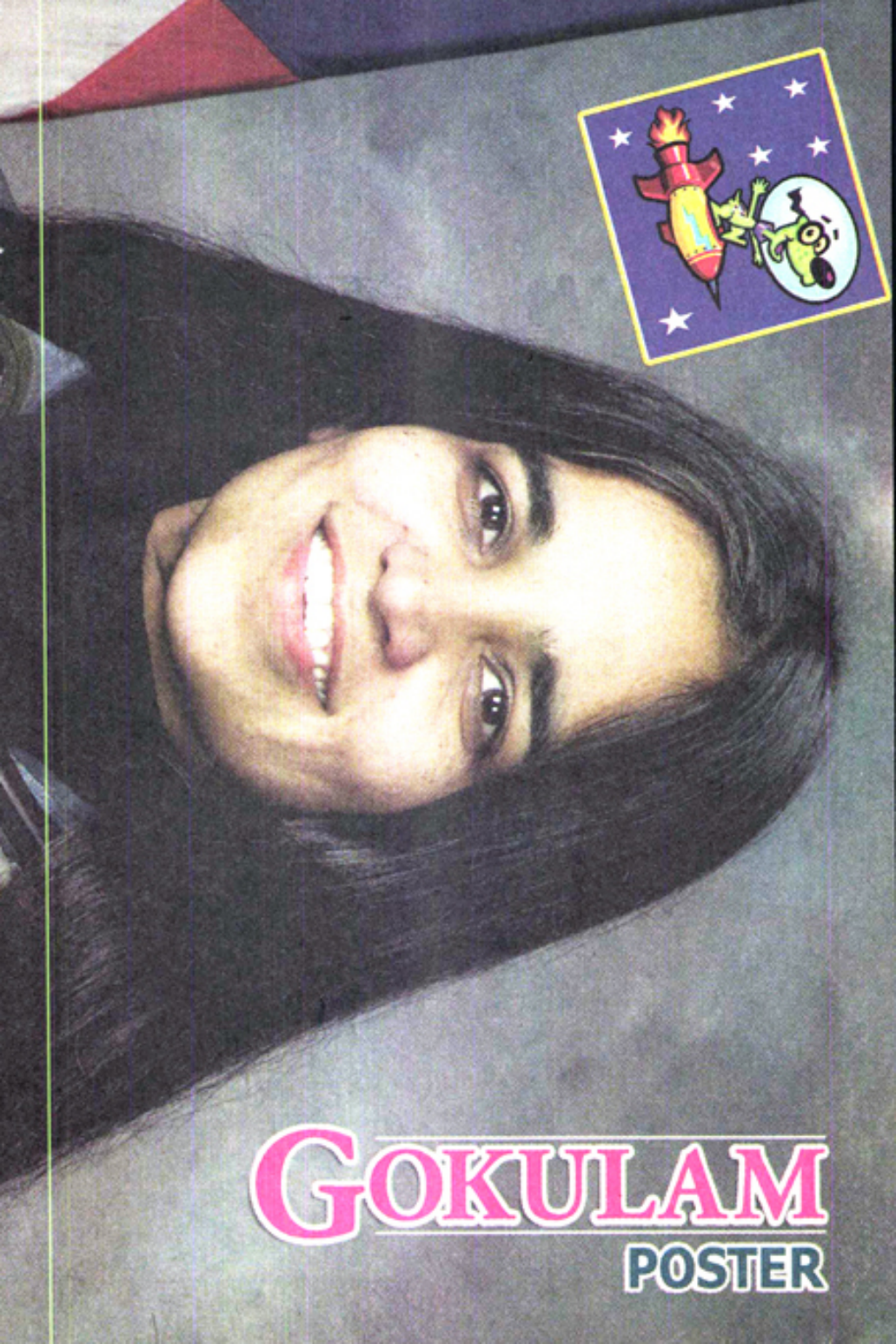
- S.Nagarajan, Erode, Tamilnadu



ICE AGE?

Snow fell for the first time in the desert of Sahara on the 18th of February, 1979!

- Sampreet Hegde, Std.VIII, V.A. Pillay English Medium School, Hubli



GOKULAM
POSTER

Kalpana Chawla

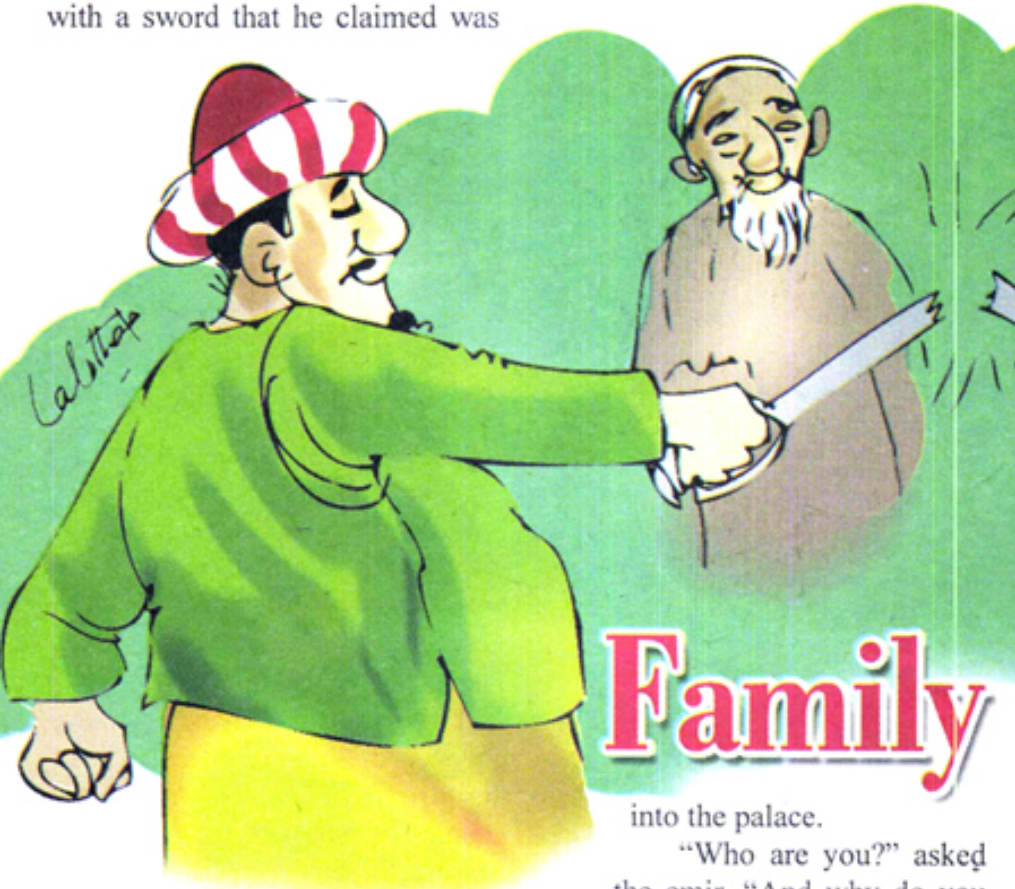
The Emir of Afghanistan was preparing for war and asked his armourer to procure him a sword that would strike terror in the hearts of his enemies.

The armourer came to the palace with a sword that he claimed was one of the wonders of the world.

"It is so sharp that it can cut a hair in mid-air," he boasted and proceeded to demonstrate. Pulling out a single strand from his assistant's head he threw it into the air and slashed it with his sharp sword. The hair was cut into two.

"It is a marvel," said the emir.

"But useless in battle," said a blind man who had come unnoticed into the palace.



Family

"Who are you?" asked the emir. "And why do you say this sword is useless?"

"It happened to touch me while your armourer passed by me outside the palace. I immediately sensed its defect. It is brittle."

The emir asked the armourer to hold a shield in front of him and when he had done so, brought the sword down heavily on it. The sword broke into two.

Secrets!

"You've probably saved my life," said the emir to the blind man. "If I had gone into battle with such a sword, I might not have returned alive. What do you do for a living?"

"I beg to feed my stomach," replied the poor old man.

"From now on you'll never go hungry," said the emir. "Come to the palace at morning and noon each day and you will receive two chappatis and a plate of dal."

The old man thanked him and left. Shortly afterwards, the emir went to war and routed his enemies. Returning in triumph, he decided it was a good time to marry. He chose as his bride the daughter of one of the most prominent aristocrats of the land.

On the eve of the marriage he saw the old man. Calling him, he took him aside and asked him his opinion about his bride-to-be.

"In my wanderings I once landed up at her father's house," said the old man. "When the guards pounced on me, I was rescued by this girl. She held me by the elbow, led me to the back of the house and instructed a servant to give me food. When she touched me I knew all there was to know about her. Yes, she will make you a good wife. She is suitable for you but for no other king."

The marriage was indeed a great

success. The emir and his consort delighted in each other's company and everybody said the two were made for each other.

One day, months after the wedding, the emir suddenly recalled his conversation with the old man and wondered why his wife would not have been a suitable match for any other king. He sent for him and asked the reason for the same.

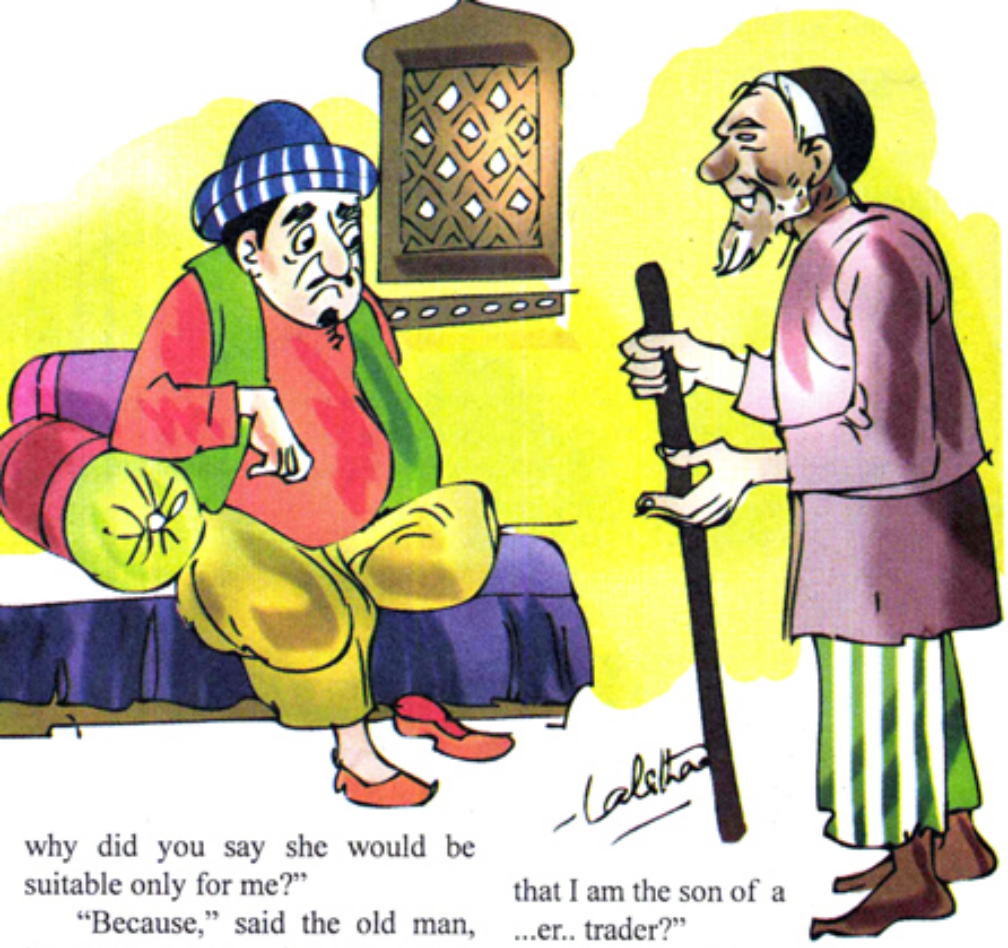
"It is a question of tradition," said the old man cautiously. "The queen is a wonderful person but she is not an aristocrat. Her father was a weaver."

The emir was shocked. He made discreet enquiries and found that the old man was right. The queen was a foster-child, adopted a few days after her birth. She had been found abandoned at the aristocrat's gate. It was only years later that the family learnt her father was a weaver.

The emir loved his wife dearly and decided to overlook her lowly origin. He sent for the old man and swore him to secrecy.

"If you breathe a word of it to anyone you'll lose your head," said the emir. "Now tell me, when you knew she was a weaver's daughter,

"You have to touch the object or the person to know their true nature," said the old man.



why did you say she would be suitable only for me?"

"Because," said the old man, "you're not an aristocrat either. Your father was a petty trader. You were adopted by the royal family."

The emir was shocked. He made secret enquiries and found that the old man was right once again. He was an adopted child. He sent for the old man and asked him how he knew he was not of royal blood.

"You have to touch the object or the person to know their true nature," he said. "You've never touched me, so how do you know that I am the son of a ...er.. trader?"

"We are all betrayed by our words and actions," said the old man. "I saved your life by revealing the worthlessness of the sword procured for you by your armourer. But what was my reward? Two chappatis and a plate of dal. A true royal would have been more generous. I knew at once you could only be the son of a shrewd but petty businessman."

- Shantanu Mishra, Std.VII, B.P.D.A.V. School, Hyderabad

J.Anika

M.Pooja shri

Paul Dinesh

Sachin

N.Akshay

B.Madhumitha

V.Sreejith

My brother **Paul Dinesh** celebrates his 15th birthday on the 12th of January, 2010.We wish him a very happy birthday.

Best Wishes from **Monisha and parents**

My friend **Sachin** celebrates his 13th birthday on 5th of January. May god bless him on this special day.

Best Wishes from **friends, parents and relatives**

N.Akshay Singhania celebrates his 8th birthday on 23rd of January. May god bless him with all happiness.

Best Wishes from **Parents, brother and relatives**

Our dear friend **Krithika** celebrates her birthday on the 2nd of January, 2010. We wish her a very happy birthday.

Best Wishes from **Anu, Prajwal, Pragathi, Tanish**

Happy New

Pooja Shri celebrates her 5th birthday on the 3rd of January.

Best Wishes from **Mahesh, Logi and Malar**

Our cousin sister **Anika.J** celebrates her first birthday on the 12th of January. We wish her a very happy birthday.

Best Wishes from **Cousins and relatives**

My sister **Mandira** celebrates her 9th birthday on the 8th of January. May all your dreams come true.

Best Wishes from **your loving sister Chandana**

Our **Srihari** celebrates his 13th birthday on the 27th of January. May god bless you!

Best Wishes from **parents, grandparents, sister, brother**

R.Ananya is celebrating her 7th birthday on the 21st of January. May you always be showered with success!

Best Wishes from **Parents, Aprameya and family**

It's Your Day

Adithya Sivan is celebrating his 3rd birthday on the 27th of January. May the almighty shower him with his blessings.

Best Wishes from **Vishnu Chetan, Achu, Annu, Sankar, Usha, Balan, grand parents**

Aniketh.M. Arya celebrates his 6th birthday on 19th of January. May god shower his blessings on you.

Best Wishes from **Sanu, Santhu, parents and family**

My dear friend **Shiny Nivya** celebrates her 14th birthday on 21st of January. Thank you for being such a nice friend.

Best Wishes from **your friend Sulekha**

My brother **Christwin Dinesan** celebrates his 17th birthday on 14th of January. Wishing him a very happy birthday.

Best Wishes from **sister Deepika Durai and parents**

My best friend **G.Dhanasri** celebrates her 13th birthday on 5th of January. I wish her a very happy birthday.

Best Wishes from **R.Chintha Poorni and family**

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V.Sreejith celebrates his first birthday on the 5th of January. We wish him all success in life.

Best Wishes from **Ramakrishnan, Ramani, Vijay, Beena,Manju, Rahul, Sudha, Ashwini, Saranya, Mithun, Rakesh**

Our beloved daughter **B.Madhumita** celebrates her 12th birthday on 16th of January. We wish her success in life.

Best Wishes from **parents Balakrishnan and Sunitha**

Srihari

Adithya Sivan

R.Ananya

Aniketh Arya

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G. Dhanasri

PAPER BAG CAMPAIGN

Our school organized a 'Paper Bag' campaign in which we had to make paper bags out of used paper and leftover gum. Initially, on hearing about this campaign we felt a little surprised. We were feeling that it was a real waste of time as we had plenty of plastic bags and polythene covers. In addition to being inexpensive the plastic covers were easily available too. But our school authorities informed us that it was compulsory for all the students to participate in the campaign. As there was no escaping making the paper bags I went home and collected plenty of waste sheets and old newspapers. I took a bottle of glue and started my job half heartedly. As I stared cutting the paper and pasting them in the shape of a rectangular bag I realised that the job was not as boring as I had imagined. And by the time I finished my first bag I was deeply into it. I decided to use it to store the extra stationary at home. Next, I made a bigger and thicker one to store a few books. I started coloring and designing the bag and it was really interesting. Next day I made a beautiful and colourful bag at

school and everybody appreciated it. In this process I realized the importance of using eco-friendly bags. I felt really proud of my school for organizing this campaign. Now I have decided to be a part of this campaign throughout my life. So 'Go Green, Go Clean'!

- Anupya Choudary, Std.VI, RIS, Malad, Mumbai

Green!

UNIQUE SPORTS DAY

The annual sports day was held in our school in the month of January. It was presided over by ace athlete and former national champion, Ms.Shiny Wilson. The event was flagged off and we started the marchpast in which all four houses of our school participated. After this all the various competitions like running race, hurdles, long jump, etc were held. Atlast the much awaited event came up. Our school had organized a 'Go Green' sports special. Around 1500 students participated in this, from KG to standard twelve. We all wore green and brown t-shirts and performed a dance for ten minutes. We were taught to dance by the famous Kasber's dance academy. At the end of the dance we formed the structure of a huge tree. It was really unique as the tree was entirely 'made up' of students! I was thrilled and honoured to be a part of this record making human tree. I am also very appreciative of my school for their initiative in organizing this special event.

- K.Siddharth Kannan, DAV Public School, Navi Mumbai

'Heavy'

Octopus

Pygmy Mouse Lemur

Crocodile

Barbados Thread Snake

Falcon

Hippopotamus

The great white shark can smell one drop of blood in 100 million drops of water!

- Sarbani Chakraborty, Std.VIII, KV-1, Port Blair

A crocodile's digestive system is strong enough to digest a steel nail!

The fastest human can swim at a speed of 6 mph. Compare this with the dolphin which can swim upto 35 mph easily.

- R.K.Malini, Std.VII, JHSS, Neyveli

Kangaroos cannot walk backwards.

An octopus has 3 hearts.

- Ayesha Amrin, Std.VIII, DAV Public School, Unit-VIII, Orissa

The hippopotamus is the third largest land animal weighing between 1500 and 3500 kgs.

- M.Dilip Kumar, Std.VII, KV-Island Grounds, Chennai

The gorilla weighs 3-4 times more than an average human but our brain is 10 times larger than the gorilla's.

Crocodiles swallow stones which assist them in crushing food inside their stomach. These stones also help them in balancing their bodies while in water.

- Sunitha.M, Std.VIII, Sindhi High School, Bengalooru

The pygmy mouse lemur is the smallest primate in the world standing just over 2 inches in height!

The Barbados thread snake is the smallest snake species currently known to exist and is a mere 4 inches long.

- S.Rajesh, Std.X, NSN MHSS, Chennai

The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog. The frog peels off several times a year and grows anew.

- V.Mahadevan. Std.XII, P.S.Senior Secondary School, Chennai

Falcons can fly at a speed of 200 miles per hour.

- M.Sathyaroopa, Std.VIII, Kalaivani Kalvi Nilayam MHSS, Erode

Hippo!

Eccentric

One day when I was searching for an appropriate topic for my English project, I came across the term 'spoonerism' in one of my grammar books. I was a bit confused. What on earth did this word mean? Was it related to spoons? If yes, what was it doing in the grammar book instead of a cookery book? My curiosity fully aroused, I decided to learn more about this term. I started searching for its meaning in various books and finally found the explanation for this funny term.

If somebody were to say, "Here comes Mr.Clown with his brass;" instead of "Here comes Mr.Brown with his class," you realize that the syllables have been switched or exchanged. This transposition of syllables is called 'spoonerism'.

The word spoonerism is an eponym, derived from the name of Reverend William. A. Spooner (1844-1930), warden of New College, Oxford. Spooner's accidental as well as intentional penchant for transposing words endeared him to his students and friends alike. Spooner was indeed very famous for his blundering sentences and some of them are downright hilarious and are quoted till date.

Here are a few such quotations which have been attributed to Spooner:

- "Three cheers for our queer old dean!" (dear old queen)
- "The Lord is a shoving leopard." (a loving shepherd)
- "A blushing crow." (crushing blow)
- "A well-boiled icicle" (well-

oiled bicycle)

- "You were fighting a liar in the quadrangle." (lighting a fire)
- "Is the bean dizzy?" (dean busy)
- "Someone is occupewing my pie. Please sew me to another sheet." (occupying my pew. Please show me to another seat)
- "You have hissed all my mystery lectures. You have tasted a whole worm. Please leave Oxford by the next town drain." (You have missed all my history lectures. You have wasted a whole term. Please leave Oxford by the next down train.)
- "The weight of rages will press hard upon the employer." (rate of wages)

"The Kinquering Congs Their Titles Take" (Conquering Kings)

"A nosey little cook." (cozy little nook).

Note : *An 'eponym' is a word that has come into usage from a person's proper name. For example, the word 'silhouette' comes from the name of the French nobleman, Etienne de Silhouette. To ridicule this despised finance minister his enemies gave his name to an outline or a shadow, indicating that as a man he was less than substantial.*

- Satabhisa Nayak,
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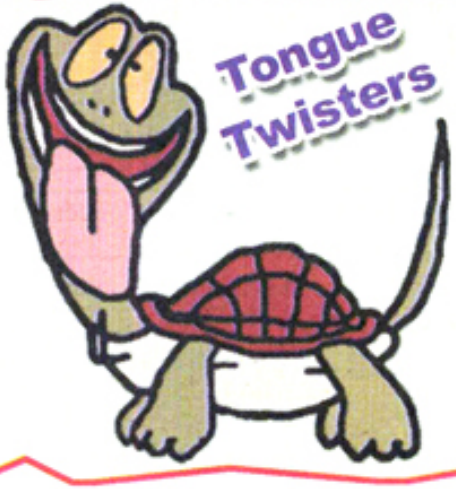
English!



- Is there a pleasant peasant present?
- Big Billy, who had a big belly, was also a big bully.
- Any noise annoys an oyster but a noisy noise annoys an oyster more.
- The bear could not bear the boar. The boar thought the bear a bore.
- Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
- Shelter for six sick scenic sightseers.

Compiled by : **M.A. Aparna,**
P.S.G.P.S., Coimbatore

Save Nature for a Better Future

Story: R.Harini,
Std.VI, Sri Vani Education Centre, Bengalooru.
Artist: Pillai

Soon they reached the supermarket.
KASI STORES
After buying the required items, they reached the cash counter...
Look... if we had not brought our own bag we would have had to pay extra. Rakshita has indeed taught us a good lesson today.
'Save Nature for a Better Future'
Carry your own bags!
Plastic bags will be provided at an additional cost of Rs.10 per bag!

Join & Colour Up

Make Sure and Take Care

Children from all over the world send contributions to Gokulam both through email and surface mail. If your contributions are to be published, they should be interesting and well-written. But that's not enough; we need you to follow some simple rules as well:

1. **Write down your name, class, name of your school and complete residential address** at the beginning of each contribution. Henceforth, we will not accept any contribution with incomplete details.

2. **Make use of A4 sheets and write only on one side of the paper**, leaving the other side blank. And do write legibly.

3. **Number your pages** and if your contribution runs to more than two pages, then write your complete personal details at the back of every page.

4. **Contributions by e-mail are welcome**... but do not forget to give complete details including your e-mail id at the beginning of each mail.

5. **The best contributions will be published** and a certificate of appreciation will be sent to the contributor. Do preserve your certificates, for the child with the maximum number of certificates will get a bumper prize at the end of a year.

6. **All competition entries** must reach us before the last date mentioned.

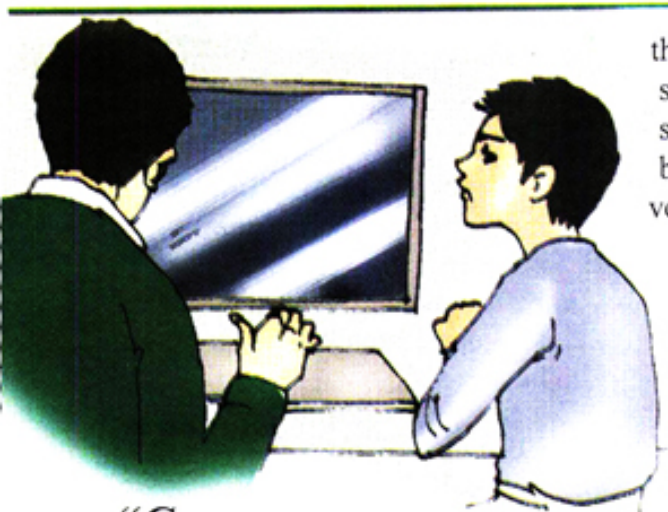
7. Coupons provided in Gokulam for competition entries **should not be xeroxed**.

8. Entries to It's Your Day (Birthday Bash) and theme based contributions (eg., Diwali, New year, Republic Day, Environment Day, Teacher's Day, etc) **should reach us two months prior to the respective events.**

9. **We are looking for original stories, experiences, amusing anecdotes and articles**, but if you have based your writing on any source, then do acknowledge it.

10. **No copying, please!**

Please make sure that you obey the ten commandments!



FOLDER

"Computer, end Simulation 303," came the command, and the computer ended the program with a beep.

Around Anish, brilliant neon blues, pinks and silver beams vanished. Sounds of people yelling, guns firing and avalanches crashing down through the amplifiers came to an abrupt stop. The bedroom descended into silence once again.

Anish hated silence. He preferred at least the hum of an air-purifier, or the outdated television switched on in his parents' room – but thankfully, he didn't have to put up with silence. Usually his mother had her automatic cookers on or he had his computer, playing some simulated game or the other.

And Anish simply lived for those. He had hundreds of simulations stored in his system; traded from friends, begged, borrowed pirated versions from classmates and even rare, original PXO series from his parents. They'd bought him two for his birthday and he'd spent a week with them before the computer crashed due to overload.

This evening he'd just traded in an old PXO game-box for a newer version, and he could barely wait to go in for Level 2. Still, he had homework to finish. Chennai might be in the 22nd century – but some things never changed. Sighing, he pulled out his data-pad and started working on algebra.

An hour later he'd done as much as he could on x, y and z, and turned back to the game again. He'd just switched on the power button when there was a loud beep – and the room plunged into darkness.

"Oh no," he mumbled tapping at the switch. He shut down the back-up supply and switched it on

again. Nothing.

An hour later he'd tried every rule in the book. The engineer had come and was closeted with his beloved computer for more than half an hour now. His parents would be home soon from work and then it would be dinner-time – what on earth was happening?

His bedroom door opened. "Sorry," said the engineer. "Power overload – your system's crashed. Playing with PXOs too much?"

Anish groaned, desperation building up in him. "How long will it take to repair it?"

"We'll have to re-install the OS from scratch. You want your games online too?"

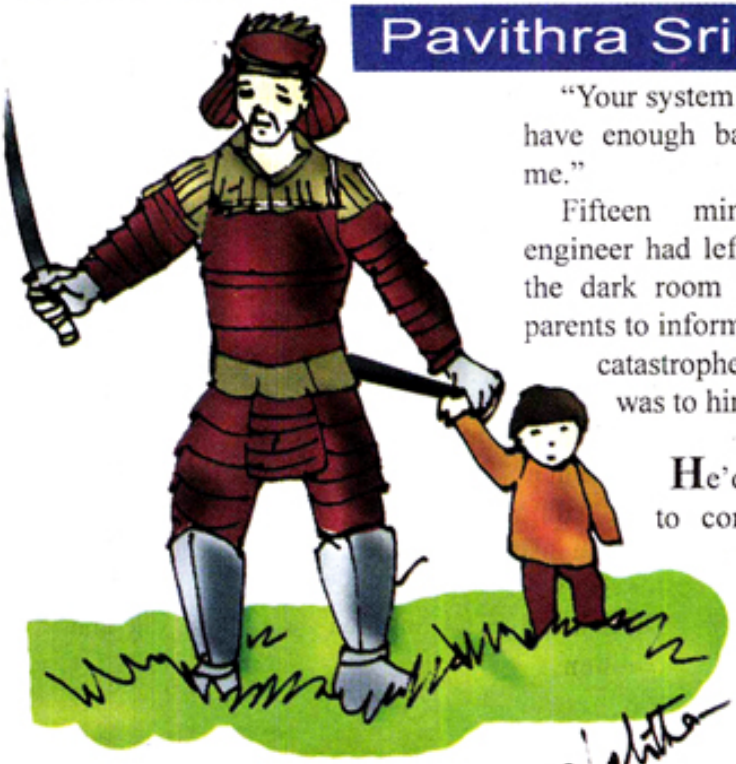
"Of course."

"Give me the data discs. We'll have everything up and running in two days."

Anish gasped. "Two whole days? Can't you do anything now?"

IMAGINE

Pavithra Srinivasan



"Your system's shot, and I don't have enough back-up discs with me."

Fifteen minutes later the engineer had left and Anish sat in the dark room having called his parents to inform them of the latest catastrophe. That was what it was to him – disaster.

He'd been introduced to computers when he was two; played his first game at three. They were almost surrogate

parents to him. Technology had taken over every single function, except eating and sleeping. And even there the computer played its part. It thought up new recipes every week, provided nutrient-filled synthetic food in slots, gave him homework, received it, connected him to school, coordinated his travel. And played with him too.

Without it, he was nothing.

When he'd whined about the loss of his computer his mother had reminded him that their system was still functioning and he may as well use that for his schoolwork and other purposes. He didn't really want that – the house computer was for boring adults who did accounts on weekends and compiled grocery lists. But he really had no option.

He powered the house system's console in his room and the cursor blinked waiting for his command. It had very few games – only his father's mind-sweeper programmes – and no PXOs, certainly. He browsed through the directories bored. This was silly. He was going insane without his games...

He stopped. There was a folder marked "Imagine." The properties section listed it as a recreational tool. Scowling, he clicked on the programme icon. A pink screen popped out. "Beginning Simulation 3," it read. Anish sat up intrigued. Letters flashed on-screen. *"Green fields. Stalks of rice. Wind blows across them. They wave gently."*

The words flickered. Anish frowned. Was this a story tool for nursery kids? What was he supposed to do? There was no "play" button, only a tiny arrow. This was stupid. No action. No fights. No flashing lights. Boring.

He was going to shut the whole thing down when he paused. The words still flickered. What the heck? All he had to do was imagine.

Simple to think but difficult to do. When was the last time he had imagined fields of rice anyway? Or the wind? Or anything, for that matter? His computer had done all that for him.

He sighed, and decided to play along. Fields of rice. He imagined what he could from pictures he'd seen and pressed the arrow button.

"A lone Samurai warrior walks across a field. His top-knot is unbound. He has a sword in his hand. In his other hand is a baby."

Anish sat up intrigued. Samurai warriors? Swords – and babies? This was definitely interesting. He imagined everything he could – he'd read his fair share of Anime – and clicked the arrow button.

And another. And another. And another.

The pictures his mind conjured were overwhelming. All the screen had to do was run the words and it was as though his brain was bursting at its seams to supply him the responses. He smiled with glee, closed his eyes, and simply surrendered himself to the story taking shape inside his head.

"Anish?" Someone was shaking his shoulder. He opened his eyes with a start.

"Mum? You're back so soon?"

"Its 9 pm Anish." She smiled. "You've finished your homework, right? What's this, a game?

"I found this really cool programme in dad's system. It's imagined a whole story for me... look." He re-opened the programme but sat still, dumbstruck.

"What's the matter?" his mother asked.

"Nothing. It's just... there are only 10 slides here. I'm sure I must have clicked fifty ..."

"Oh, I remember this one," his mother said, peering over his shoulder. "Your father bought this hoping to get you off the PXOs. It's a tool

that builds creativity. And no programme has more than 10 slides."

"Then did my mind just finish the story by itself?" Anish asked, perplexed. This was *amazing*.

"Obviously. But I'm sure you miss your PXOs."

"No, I don't," Anish grinned, re-starting the programme. "For once I think I'll just use my brains." ●

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Jokes

Teacher : When do you like your school the most?

Pupil : When it is closed!

- A.Md.Yahaya, Std.V, Our Lady's MHSS, Ranipet

Mother : Hurry up or else you will not reach your school on time.

Son : Mummy, I do not want to go to school.

Mother : But why?

Son : The teachers avoid me, the kids run away on seeing me...I have no friends.

Mother : You have to go because you are forty two years old and you are the headmaster of the school!

- Soundarya, Std.VII, St.Andrews School, Secunderabad

THE 'FUN' PAGE

Mother: Did you eat all the biscuits?

Vinay (indignantly) : Of course not, I did not touch one!

Mother : That's strange...there's just one left in the tin.

Vinay : That's the one I didn't touch

- R.Balaji, Std. VI, Bell MHSS, Tirunelveli

Teacher : What is the outer part of a tree called?

Ram : I don't know.

Teacher : Bark, Ram, Bark!

Ram : Woof..Woof..

- M.Nagarjun, Std.VIII, Palaniammal MHSS, Erode

Teacher : Hey, you! Didn't you hear me shouting for you?

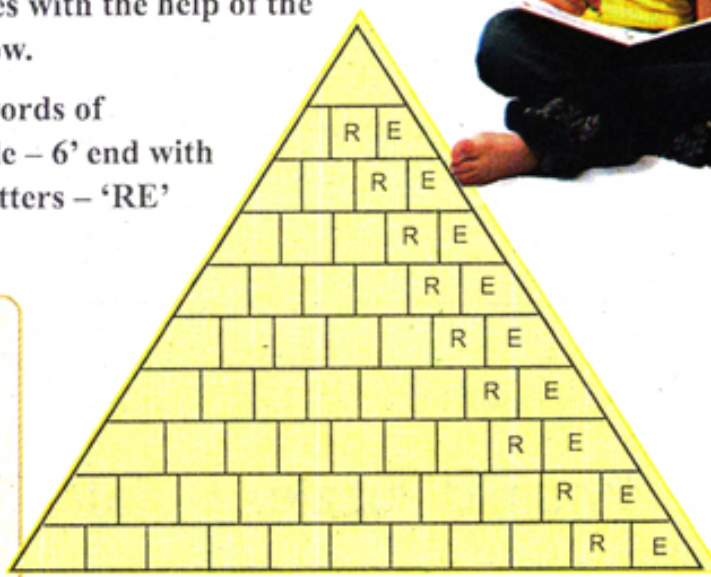
Student : Yes, Sir. But you had taught in the class that we should never answer back to our elders!

- M.Dilip Kumar, Std.VIII, KV-Island Grounds, Chennai

Dear Children,

It is New Year... time for celebration and enjoyment, new beginnings and thoughts. So put on your thinking caps and fill in the pyramid squares with the help of the clues given below.

Note: All the words of 'Pyramid Puzzle – 6' end with the same two letters – 'RE'



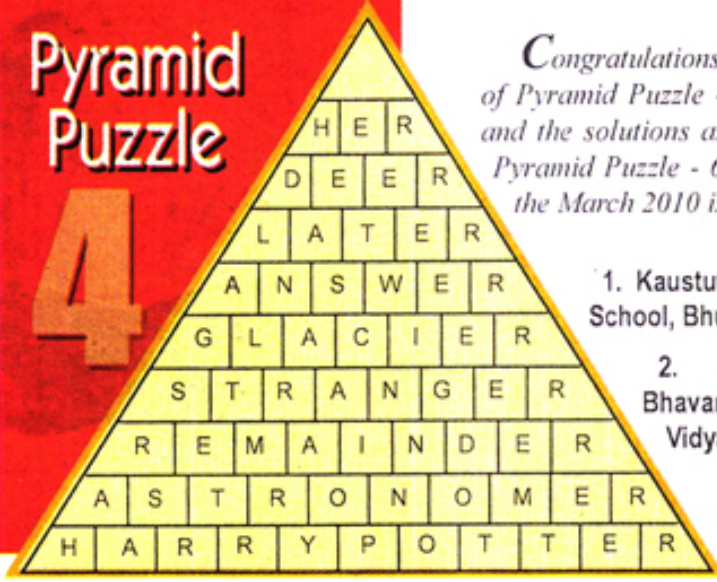
Fill in the form on the reverse of this page and send your entries to Gokulam before 25.1.10

Pyramid Puzzle - 6

1. Plural of 'is'
2. An animal well known for losing a race
3. Gaze fixedly
4. Parody or sarcasm
5. Seek an information
6. Data that directs the operations of a computer
7. Suspension of active hostilities
8. Present all over
9. A very famous English dramatist

- G.S.S

Pyramid Puzzle 4



Congratulations! Here are the winners of Pyramid Puzzle - 4 (November 2009) and the solutions as well. The results of Pyramid Puzzle - 6 will be published in the March 2010 issue.

1. Kaustuv Ray, Std.V, Stewart School, Bhubaneswar
2. N.Sowmya, Std.X, Bhavans Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Secunderabad
3. Paritosh Sharma, Std.V, National Public School, Bengalooru
4. Shivaram.L.S, Std.X, Atomic Energy Central School, Kudankulam, Tirunelveli
5. Rajeshwari Kamath, Std.IV, DAV Public School, Pune

Pyramid Puzzle - 6 Entry Form

Name : (Mr/Ms) .....

Age : ..... Class : .....

School : .....

*Residential Address : .....

.....Pin .....

Signature : .....

* Local address is a must for overseas entries.

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● Strictly for school going children ● Five lucky winners will get a cash award of Rs.50/- each. They will be decided by a draw of lots from out of the all correct entries. ●Entries with completed grid on the reverse accepted on this form only ●No xerox copies.

Is it Fair?

Dr.N.A.Jayavelan as told to G.S.S.

Of late, I feel at I have put on a ttle bit of weight. fy mother says at cycling would elp to reduce my weight but I isagree with her. So do suggest me exercises and a balanced diet hart which I can follow daily.

- Abhishek.R, KV-1, Panambur, Mangalore

No doubt cycling is a good xercise. However any exercise hould be done willingly. Since it eems you dislike cycling you may hoose other exercises like wimming, jogging or kipping. These exercises hould be done at least for 5 minutes every day to ave the required effect.

A balanced diet should have adequate quantity of carbohydrate, protein, and fat. These three should be in the ratio of 60, 30 and 10. This is the recommended ratio for youngsters. For elders this ratio will vary slightly. In addition to these, our body needs vitamins and minerals. These can be obtained by eating vegetables and fruits. Milk is also important because it's a natural source of calcium.

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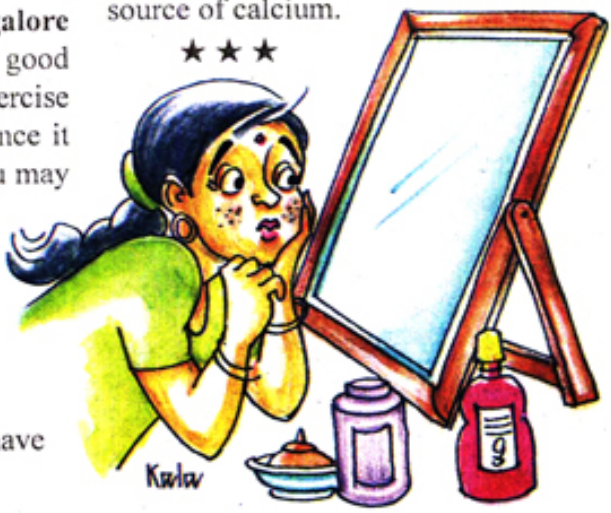

I have dandruff and due to that my face is filled with pimples. Is there any natural way to cure dandruff and also get rid of the pimples? Also, do anti-dandruff shampoos get rid of dandruff completely? If yes, how frequently should I use the shampoo?

- Dhaarance,
Std.XII,
CSI Ewart MHSS,
Chennai

There is no connection between dandruff and pimples. Pimples are not formed due to dandruff. Keep your hair free from dust. Wash your hair daily or on every alternate day. Also keep the hair dry. Do not let the scalp remain oily. Anti dandruff shampoo can be used once a week or once in ten days. Such shampoos do not completely clear away the dandruff. But they have the capacity to keep the dandruff under control for a certain period of time.

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I wear my spectacles throughou the day except while sleeping an bathing. Now when I look in th mirror I notice that I have go dark circles around my eyes. Thi makes my face unattractive Please suggest some way to lighte my skin tone in this area.

- K.Nandha Kuma
Std.VIII, ONGC Public Schoo
Karaika

Apply olive oil around your eye every night. You can also tr changing the frame of you spectacles. Now-a-days plasti spectacles which are light weigh are available. The glasses are als available in light weigh material. If possibl you may try to shif the place where th frame sits on your face

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I want to become fair but m parents forbid me from using th fairness creams available in th market. What should I do t become fair? I also have anothe problem. I have a very poo memory and retention capacity How do I boost it?

- Kirthi Balakrishnan
Std.VII, City Internationa
School, Pun

Generally the so called fairness reams are sunscreen lotions which educe the tanning effect when the unrays fall on your face. This will revent your skin from getting arker. In case you do not want to se creams, do not expose ourself to sunlight. Try to stay ndoors as much as possible, specially in the afternoons. When ou go out, you may use an mbrella. Repeatedly wash your ace with ordinary soap or even vith plain water. Gently massage our face, especially during nights.

Remember that fairness creams elp only in preventing you from becoming darker. At the maximum hey may restore your lost colour. They cannot turn a dark skin into a ighter one.

Now, about the second part of our question regarding retention f memory. Reading at leisure nakes the subject remain in your nemory for longer duration. That is why it's better to read our lessons on a daily basis nd avoid postponing it till the ay before the examination. Read with attention.

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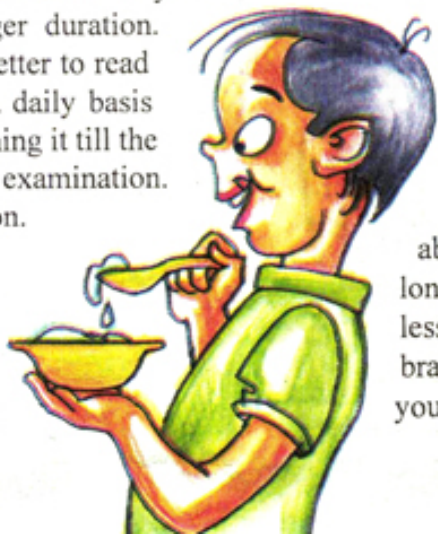
I heard that ating curd vith sugar in he morning makes us sleepy throughout the day? Is it true? If yes, why?

- V.Deepak Ramanan,
Std.VIII, TVS MHSS,
Madurai

It is not true. Somehow a myth has spread that eating curd or curd rice makes you sleepy. Of course the quantity of curd you take matters. Creamy curd contains lots of butter and takes longer time to digest. So more blood flows towards abdominal region for a longer time resulting in lesser blood flow to the brain, which may make you feel sleepy.



A school girl lost her dinner money (two £ 1 notes) and this was found 27 years later when the cloak room of the school was refurbished! Lisa Dugdale, now a section manager in Mark and Spencers, received a surprise phone call from the school authorities. They informed her that her money placed in a brown envelope with her name and other details written on it, was safe and that she could come and collect it!

Goodbye to BATHROOM SINGING!

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Then there is the story of young couple who were camping i Teller country, Colarado, U.S./ Around 2.30 am they woke up to grunt and noticed someone in the car! They panicked and called th police. A patrol car reached the spo in a matter of minutes. When th police opened the door of the car t catch the thief, out popped a grizzl bear which slinked off into th woods! Police are now warnin campers not to leave food in the vehicles and not to leave their ca unlocked. The bears have learne how to open car doors especiall when they are hungry!

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David Coleman Headley has been arrested by authorities in U.S.A. and charged with helping, Lashkar-e-Taiba, linked to 26/11 Mumbai attacks. He holds a U.S. passport and had been travelling frequently to Pakistan and India. He had supplied a lot of information to terrorists helping them in their Mumbai attack plans.

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The President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez has a wonderful idea

to save water! He asked his country men to stop singing while taking a shower! If a person sings, he spends more time in the shower and uses more water. So, say good bye to bathroom singing!

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Scientists have successfully bio-engineered a biodegradable plastic! The team from Kaist university in South Korea led by Professor Sang Yup Lee, focused on poly lactic acid (PLA) a polymer

* Chandrasekhara Rao

found in nature like rubber. Scientists say that this biodegradable plastic will be cheap and commercially more viable than plastics derived from fossil oils (PVA), which threaten ecology.

●●●

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi president Chandrasekhara Rao went on a fast unto death to achieve his goal of a separate Telangana state

carved out of Andra Pradesh. So much violence erupted that the central government yielded and announced that a process will be set in motion for the formation of Telangana state. As a result, the demand for separate states, bifurcating or trifurcating Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamilnadu etc. have gained momentum! More the number of states, merrier the politicians!

* Liberhan

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Japanese toy maker Bandal has produced paper thin, rose aroma bath soaps shaped like an American $100 currency note! The soap notes quickly dissolve in hot bath water depicting erosion in value of the dollar. To avoid being mistaken for a real $100 note, the note made of soap features the winking face of Benjamin Franklin and the number 1000 instead of 100! A pack of ten such soap notes costs just under $ three!

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The Liberhan report on the demolition of Babri Masjid was leaked to the press before it was tabled in Parliament. This became a big issue, over-shadowing the findings of the commission. Justice Liberhan in his report has pointed a finger at many a B.J.P. leader but has not recommended any action against any one!

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Vicki Larrieux a student in Portsmouth, U.K., says she is unable to stay healthy because she is frightened of vegetables! The fear is scientifically known as lachanophobia! She panics whenever she sees a vegetable anywhere and her heart rate goes up! She is now undergoing psychological treatment to get over this fear!

The SEVEN WONDERS!

A teacher asked her students to make a list of the Seven Wonders of the World. The students immediately put pen to paper and started writing down the wonders. After a few minutes the teacher collected the sheets and checked them. Though there were some differences in the papers, most of them had included the following in their list: Pyramids of Egypt, Taj Mahal, Grand Canyon, Panama Canal, Empire State Building, Great Wall of China and St.Peter's Basilica.

Just then the teacher noted that one student was still working on her list and hadn't turned her paper in. So she asked the girl if she was having any trouble with her list. The girl replied that she could not make up her mind due to some confusion. The teacher asked her to read out the list she had made.

The girl hesitatingly got up and spoke softly, "There are many wonders in this world. But I think the Seven Wonders of the World are the ability to touch, taste, see, feel, hear, to laugh and to love."

Listening to this beautiful list the whole class fell silent. "There is nothing more that any of us can add to this list," said the amazed teacher.

- Darshana.N.Dawda, Std.XI,
Mulund College of Commerce, Mumbai

Maybe the advertisers do not realize it but the children of today are well aware of the fact that celebrities use their status and fame to influence kids. Most of the children are also aware of the fact that the celebrities themselves do not use the product advertised by them. Another point which has emerged is that the children would prefer to see their favourite stars in advertisements promoting social causes rather than just endorsing products.

Using celebrities in advertisements often entice the children to indiscriminately demand for the advertised product. These products may not be necessary or even affordable.

- Sudarshan Gopal, Std.VI, Apeejay School, New Delhi; Prakash Ravichandran, Std.VII, DAV Public School, Navi Mumbai; Anon, Std.VII, Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School, Mysore; Lynessa Linson, Std.VI, St.Francis Xavier's High School, Goa; Boga Venkatesh Narendra, Std.XII, GN Khalsa, Mumbai; Puranjan Dev, Std.VI, Buxi Jagabandhu English Medium School, Bhubaneswar

If the children watch their favourite celebrities performing stunts and other dangerous activities on TV, they may imitate them. This may result in accidents causing irreparable damage to the kids and unnecessary tension to their parents too.

- Sourabh Tripathy, Std.VIII, KV – 2, Balangir, Orissa; S,Akshay Kumar, Std.V, Stanes AI Hr. Sec. School, Coonoor

Children tend to repeatedly watch those advertisements which feature their favourite stars. Unfortunately they do not gain any knowledge from it but only waste their time.

- K.Sreevidya, Std.VIII, BD Memorial Institute, Kolkata

Influence Us!

Many celebrities feature in soft drinks, chocolates, chips and other fast food advertisements. Children are strongly influenced by these ads and may demand to consume these products which may be harmful to their health in the long run.

- Vishnupriya.K, Std.VIII, KV – 2, Chennai

Children tend to believe all the words spoken by the celebrities in favour of the advertised product. They may compel their parents to buy those products without knowing their worthiness.

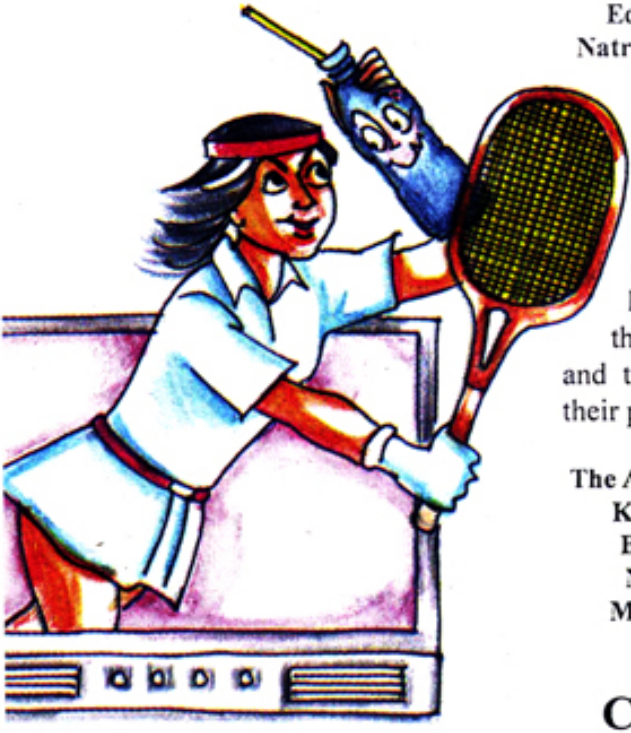
- Anwesha Kiran, Std.VI, Future Bhubaneswar School, Bhubaneswar; Lakshmi.S, Std.VII, Bharathi MHSS, Coimbatore; M.Akshayaa, Std.XI, DAV MHSS, Chennai

It is right to use celebrities in some cases especially in those advertisements which spread social messages to the whole community. Celebrities may feature in ads spreading communal harmony, national integration, voting, children's education, safe driving, etc.

- P.Himaya, Std.VI, Sri Akilandeswari Vidyalaya, Trichy; Keerthana Krishnamurthy, Std.XII, St.Mira's Junior College for Girls, Pune; Varshini Krishnan, Std.IX, Modern Era Convent, New Delhi; Saakshi Jain, Std.VI, St.Xaviers, Raipur; Mansi Vinod Dixit, Std.X, RH Kapadia High School, Ahmedabad; R.Priya, Std.IX, Tagore International School, New Delhi; K.Kavi Priya, Std.IX, Shrishti MHSS, Vellore; K.Naveen, Std.VIII, SRK MHSS, Salem; J.Vishnu, Std.XI, Sunbeam MHSS, Vellore; R.Kirthika, Std.VII, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Port Blair; Varun.M, Std.VIII, Capitol Public School, Bengalooru

Children are innocent and can be easily influenced. Hence it is the duty of celebrities to take the moral responsibility of acting only in advertisements featuring genuine products and not just run behind money!

- Soubhagya.S.Prabhu, Std.X, St.Mary's Bethany Public School, Alappuzha; Sreeparvathi, Std.X,



Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kannur, Kerala; Rushab.R.Bhandari, Std.X, Rotary High School, Ranebennur, Karnataka; Astra Chowdary, Std.XI, Chaitanya Junior College, Vishakapatnam; Anjana.P, Std.VI, Holy Angels ISC School, Thiruvananthapuram

The manufacturers pay a lot of money to the celebrities to act in their advertisements. The cost of the product increases because of this. Hence it is better to avoid using them and pass on the monetary benefit to the customers.

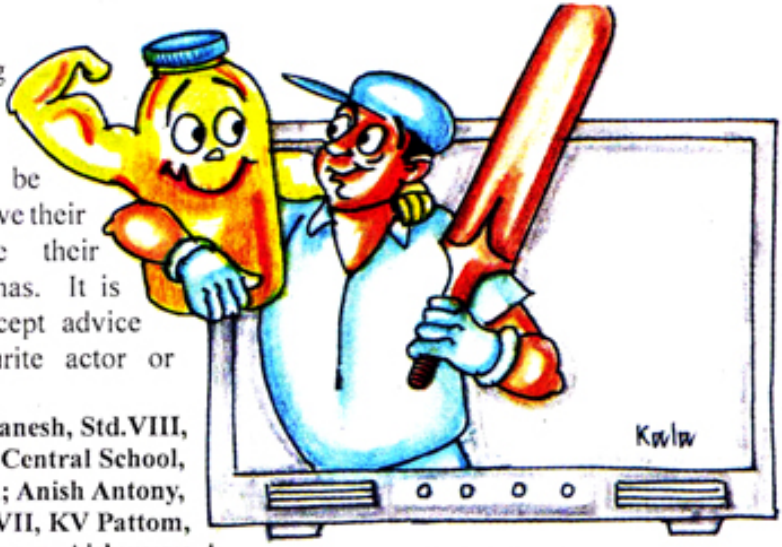
- Sneha.S, Std.IX, Avila Convent MHSS, Coimbatore; Suhasini Ramani, Std.VI, GD Birla Centre for Education, West Bengal; Maanasa Natrajan, Std.VI, Jnanodaya School, Bengalooru

It is a ploy by the manufacturers to increase the sales of their product by capturing children's attention. Businessmen take advantage of the innocence of the young minds and try to influence them towards their products.

- Barsha Naik, Std.XI, The Assembly of God Church School, Kolkata; Seetha.M.Nadar, Std.IX, Bangur Vidya Bhawan, Mumbai; Nanditha Ravindar, Std.XII, Leo MHSS, Chennai; N.Adaikkappan, Std.IX, DPS, Bengalooru

Children cannot differentiate between good and bad, right and wrong. They may blindly follow the celebrity's advice without realizing the consequences or side effects of the same.

- Pramit Ganguly, StdVII, JH Tarapore School, Jharkhand



On seeing celebrities in advertisements, children may be motivated to achieve their goals, just like their favourite person has. It is also easier to accept advice from their favourite actor or sportsperson.

- Anjana Ganesh, Std.VIII, ITI Central School, Bengalooru; Anish Antony, Std.VII, KV Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram; Aishwarya.A, Std.IX, St.Joseph's Convent, Coonoor

Of course, no one has any right to stop the manufacturers from using celebrities in their advertisements. But at the same time they need to give a thought on whether it is right to influence young children just to earn profits?

- G.Aruna, Std.XI, SBOA MHSS, Madurai; J.Vijayalakshmi, Std.VII, Devi MHSS, Palani

It is high time the celebrities realized that today's children are intelligent and well-informed. They will not be easily tempted or swayed by any false stunts or promises.

- Atreya.G.Krishna, Std.VIII, Canara High School, Mangalore

Celebrities need to function as good role models to the youngsters of this country. They should not just think about their fame and fortune.

- Krutarth.V.Dixit, Std.VIII, RH Kapadia New High School, Ahmedabad

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH :

Is it possible for Indians to take up sports as a full time profession today?

Send us your views by 25.01.2010. Each published entry will receive a prize of Rs. 25/-. Remember to include details of your age, class, school and residential address. Those of you who are non-residents of India should send us a local (Indian) address too. You can send entries by post or by e.mail (gokulam@kalkiweekly.com)

Given below are the names of a few words beginning with 'R'. Find them out with the help of the given clues.

1.R _ _ _ (City Of Seven Hills)

2.R_ _ _ (England's National Flower)

3.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (The 'Wall' of Indian Cricket)

THINK TIME

Match the names of the following books with their authors :

1.Das Kapital	Charles Dickens
2.David Copperfield	Thomas Hardy
3.Emma	Michael Crichton
4.Far From The Madding Crowd	Rudyard Kipling
5.The God Of Small Things	Oscar Wilde
6.The Importance Of Being Earnest	Karl Marx
7.Jurassic Park	Arundhati Roy
8.The Old Man And The Sea	Vishnu Sharma
9.Panchatantra	Jane Austen
10.Jungle Book	Ernest Hemingway

- A.Aishwarya, Std.IX,

St. Joseph's Convent Anglo Indian Girls HSS, Coonoor

Answers : 1.Karl Marx, 2.Charles Dickens, 3. Jane Austen, 4.Thomas Hardy, 5.Arundhati Roy, 6.Oscar Wilde, 7.Michael Crichton, 8.Ernest Hemingway, 9.Vishnu Sharma, 10.Rudyard Kipling

Try These...

4.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (Discovered X-Ray)

5.R _ _ _ _ (A Bird)

6.R _ _ _ _ _ _ (A Communist Country)

7.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (A disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin D)

8.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (32nd President of the United States)

9.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (First Indian to land in space)

10.R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (Last Prime Minister from the Nehru family)

- Chitra Ragunathan,
Std.IX, Kendriya Vidyalaya,
Gru Campus,
Dindigul

ANSWERS :
1.Rome, 2.Rose,
3.Rahul Dravid,
4.Roentgen, 5.Robin,
6.Russia, 7.Rickets,
8.Roosevelt, 9.Rakesh
Sharma, 10.Rajiv
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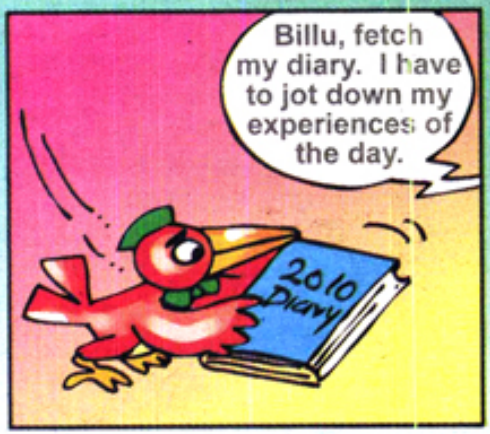

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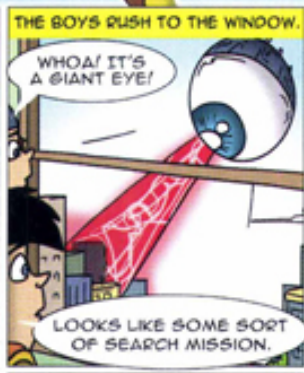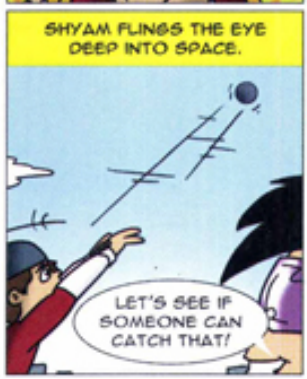
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